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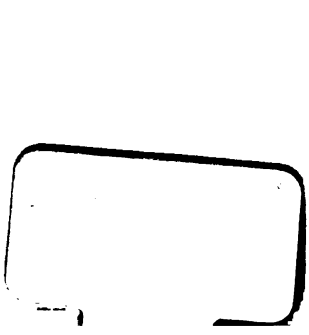

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IN

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OF

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THE PREFACE.

Courteous Reader,

IF you have three Drachms of Good-humour, Chriſtian Charity, Compaſſion or Mercy, I perſwade my ſelf you will make ſome grains of allowance, for having ſurpriz'd me thus in *Diſhabille*: For if that Covetous Fellow, the Bookſeller, who being firſt Impoſed upon himſelf, is reſolved to make the reſt of Mankind pay for it; if he, I ſay, (having lately met with ſeveral abortive Performances, that were never able to Travel farther, then from the Preſs to his Shop) out of firm and certain Aſſurance, that theſe few Sheets, to uſe his own Phraſe, would Run like Lightning, had not moſt ſurreptiouſly taken them out of my Cuſtody, before that Rogue the Engraver brought home my Picture; you might have beheld a *Mar-*

riage, as I may call it, or a Copulation between *Effigies Authoris* and his beloved Title Page. For to admit you into a Secret of great Importance, we Writers of the preſent Age, have judiciouſly agreed, no Sculptures are ſo neceſſary to Illuſtrate a Treatiſe, as thoſe of our own ſweet Countenances. *Elkanah Settle*, I muſt confeſs, being a Man of ſuperiour Genius, has ſtray'd from this prudent Maxim, in his *Indian Queen*, with ſome others, who have Recorded the Renown'd and Everlaſting Exploits of the *Seven Champions*, *Guy* Earl of *Warwick*, and *Hickathrift*. But the Profound Mr. *Partridge*, *Savage*, *Gadbury*, *Bl—k—re*, *Ogilby*, &c. have taken the Method aforeſaid; to oblige the World with an equal *Interlayer* of the Gentleman and the Schollar, where the Internal and External Man vie for the Superiority, and both conclude in a certain Paradox, that a Beau may be an Author, at leaſt *talis Qualis*.

And

And I muſt confeſs, I do greatly wonder, why that Reverend Perſon, who has lately Publiſh'd a compleat Syſtem of Divinity, commonly called, or known by the Name of a *Tale of a Tub*, which like

The Story of the Bear and Fiddle,
Is Sung, but breaks off in the Middle.
Hudibras,

a moſt admirable Treatiſe, wherein the Authors good Breeding and Piety and Good-humour, and Chriſtian Charity and Averſion to Satyr, and incomprehenſible Learning moſt manifeſtly appear. I wonder, I ſay, why he, or rather the Bookſeller for him, (for he, good Soul, now Reſts in Peace with *Julian*, *Hobbes*, *Aretine*, and thoſe other incorrupt Pillars of the Church) has not taken the ſame method: But having Frighted the World by Terms of Art, *Hocus Pocus*, Words as dreadful as *Greek* and *Hebrew* to the Ignorant, or Holy Water to the Devil, or Bum-Bayliff, to the Stray Inhabitants of *Fleet* and *Kingsbench*, into a firm and

Solid Belief, of all the Articles of Chriſtianity, it might not have been convenient for him to have appeared after that in a Lay Habit, eſpecially in this Papiſtical Age, which Judges of the Doctrine, by the Life and Converſation of the Preacher; tho' he might eaſily have ſupplyed that defect, by borrowing *Jerry Collier*'s Gown, or getting Orders from that Pious and Primitive and exemplary Liver, the Good Biſhop of St. *Davids*.

This you muſt needs Confeſs, is a Singular diſadvantage, tho' not the only one I labour under, at the preſent Writing hereof; for I have ſent Letters to all my Acquaintance, at *Wills*, at *Cambridge*, and at *Oxford*, for a few Commendatory Rhymes, *upon my Ingenious Friends, moſt Incomparable*, &c. Yet not a ſingle Couplet have I got: Tho' to deal cordially with you, I would have ſupplyed that defect my ſelf; but the Bookſeller would not allow me a living Price for my Compoſitions of that Nature.

Thus

Thus therefore, Sallying forth into the Critical World, without any Friends to aſſiſt me, I do expect to meet with very Scurvy uſage; whereas, had I but a competent Number of Attendants, I durſt venture to Bluſter as much as any Bully amongſt 'em. However, ſince this is not a Treatiſe of Controverſie, ſince it is void of Satyr and Offence, ſince I do profeſs my ſelf as Peaceable a Perſon as Captain *Huckum*, juſt after a ſound Drubbing; it may providentially fall out, that thoſe Heroes, who Encounter only the Lyons of the Age, may paſs me by in Silence. Yet if any of the Wits, who generally quarrel with a Man, like Game Cocks, at firſt ſight, ſhould oblige me to perform *Vinegar* Law, in *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, and encounter the firſt Cudgel Player, that ſhall be diſpoſed to enter the Liſts, becauſe I have moſt innocently, unwittingly, and without any ſuch evil Deſign, taken a certain Edge Tool between my Fingers, called a Gooſe-Quill, I will not decline the Combat; provided nevertheleſs, and upon this Con-

dition, that is to ſay, that we may not encounter in good Earneſt, tho' we ſhould happen to uſe each other with as little Ceremony as the Dean and Prebendary, or their accompliſhed Brethren, with Sharp, and Knockdown Arguments at her Majeſties Bare-Garden at *Hockly in the Hole*. For that ſame Barbarous cuſtom of Fighting, like *Roman* Gladiators, or Plantiff Dog and Bear Defendant, for Grinning Honour, and no Profit, I utterly abhor as moſt Antichriſtian Fooliſh and Abominable.

Yet before we part, Courteous Reader, I muſt inform thee, the Bookſeller, or Proprietor of this Copy, who for certain Reaſons of State, thinks fit to be Nameleſs, would have ſuborn'd me to have put a horrid Impoſture upon thee; for tho' he actually knew, and was thorowly convinced in his own Conſcience, this Book was written ſome Years ago, in the *Poliſh* Tongue, by the famous *Wiſnowiski:* Yet, would you beleive it, he would have had me Fathered the Baſtard, called it all my own, and

and Run away with the Credit of another Man's Labour. Some Hints, I muſt tell you as Friend, towards the Compoſing this Voluminous and Elaborate Treatiſe, were taken from Monſieur *Furetier*. But to my Eternal Honour be it ſpoken, I have Adapted 'em; and after ſuch a manner, tho' I ſay it, that ought not —— Yet after all, it may be neceſſary too to acquaint you, how juſt a value I have for my own Abilities, for in writing and making Love, it is become mighty Faſhionable to commend our ſelves; for why the Devil ſhould Tradeſmen alone, enjoy the Liberty of praiſing the Wares they deſign to put off?

But perhaps, you don't fanſie the Word Adapted; if ſo, let me tell you, Sir, *vous eſtes un homme de mal Goût*, 'tis the moſt expreſſive, the moſt modiſh Word this Day in Print. For Inſtance, what is an Occaſional Conformiſt, but a Man Adapted to the Church of *England*? What is a certain Prelate, in a Kingdom that ſhall be Nameleſs, but a Presbyterian Adapted to Lawn-Sleeves?

What

What is *William P——n*, but a Jeſuit Adapted to the Humour of *Penſilvania?* What is *Album Græcum*, but Dogs T——rd Adapted to the uſe of the Doctors?

Taking it therefore for Granted, you are already of my Opinion, as to this particular, now it only remains, that I ſhould give you a ſhort account of the following Treatiſe according to the Antient Cuſtom of Prefacing, to the Intent this Epiſtle may not fall under the ſame Cenſure with *John Dryden's* Prologues and Epilogues, which ſerved for any Play. Tho' by the way I muſt tell you, that Buſineſs of bringing in a Bill of Fare, is grown a little out of Faſhion, the Prelude now a Days, has no manner of Affinity with the Tune that follows it; thus ſince Bookſellers have taken up the Laudable cuſtom of Quacking Title Pages, and making more Vows and Promiſes there in their Authors Names, than ever the latter were able to perform; a Table of Contents, is become wholly uſeleſs. Yet in Complaiſance to your Curio-

ſity, I ſhall acquaint you before hand, this is no Treatiſe about Occaſional Conformity, nor yet a Diſpute concerning the Rights of the upper or lower Houſes of Convocation. But a ſhort Hiſtory of the Rebellion in the Kingdom of *Rhetorick*; when you have peruſed it, you will know the occaſion, and if you are not a *Pedant*, will rejoyce with me for the Victory her Majeſty Obtained over her Enemies. This concerns only the Common-wealth of Learning, and whilſt all other States were ſo Embroiled with Fewds and Factions, 'twas not to be expected, this we are now ſpeaking of, ſhould enjoy the Sedate Bleſſings of Peace. Yet the Buſineſs you will perceive, was quickly concluded upon advantageous Terms; for the chief Perſons concerned Commanded for themſelves, and they had no Intereſt in ſpinning out the War.

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CHAP. I.

An Account of the Government of the Country, and the Occaſion of the War.

LONG has the moſt Serene Princeſs *RHETORICK* Ruled Secure, managing the Reins of Government with ſo much moderation, her Subjects have Obey'd without reſtraint: For ſhe never makes uſe of other Methods to reduce 'em to Reaſon, but

ſending her Marſhal *Perſwaſion*, attended by *Fair Words* her Archers, who Seizing the Factious by the Ears, bring 'em Fettered to her Majeſty, in Gold and Silken Chains. Her chief Miniſter is *Good-Senſe*, who has always Governed more by Addreſs than Force, tho' ſhe conſtantly keeps certain Regiments of *Figures* and *Arguments* in Pay, which are diſtributed throughout the Kingdom. The uſual Place of her Reſidence is at her Capital Town, on the Banks of *Thameſis*, where ſhe daily decrees Rewards and preferments to the *Virtuoſi* of every Profeſſion, who have given ſignal Proofs of their Affection to her Royal Perſon and Government. But theſe are not to be obtained before the Candidate is Voted worthy of 'em, by the Majority of her Majeſties Council, which never conſiſts of any ſet Number; by Letters Patents ſhe frequently augments 'em, when ſhining Merit and Capacity gives any Subject in her Kingdom, tho' of the meaneſt Extraction, a Title to her Favour; for all Honours in the Country of *Eloquence*, like

thoſe

those of Knighthood are Personal, and never descend to an unworthy Heir.

By these and many other Politick Maxims, She has so well Govern'd the happy States under her Dominion, that her Wisdom seem'd to promise perpetual Peace and Halcyon Days. But as all sublunary Affairs are subject to Change, so her Majesties Empire soon found it self involv'd in a Bloody War, that had its first Original from a very trifling Cause, which most unfortunately disturbed the continued Series of that Peace, her Majesty had so long enjoyed. *Good-Sense* having received orders to Reform the *Militia*, Disbanded certain old Fashion Troops, called *Double Entenders*, once in great Credit, but now grown too Licentious: They had often occasioned great disorders in the State; for besides their quarrelsom Temper, they always said one thing, whilst they meant another. Some few of the Sprightlier sort indeed, her Majesty preserv'd as a Present for her Sister *Poetry*, to mix amongst her Epigrams. But the rest finding themselves cashiered and out of Business, went to seek for it in the Coun-

try of *Pedantry*, a State of prodigious Extent, whose Metropolis is called *Gymnasia*; once Flourishing enough, but since it became the Retreat of all Nations, and has aim'd at speaking all Languages, suffers under the same fate with *Babel*, and is all over Confusion, except some few Counties, that have preserved themselves from the general Infection. The Government of this Kingdon, is at present Usurped by one Captain *BOMBAST*, a Person of obscure extraction, who taking the advantage of the Magistrates neglect, soon rendered himself Master of the whole Country. To him therefore the *Double Entenders* applyed themselves for Protection; and he did not only grant 'em a favourable Audience, but soon entertained 'em as his Friends, because he found a wondrous Sympathy between their Nature and his own.

Similes were obliged to search the same Retreat, and met almost with the like Reception; for her Majesty had Expelled 'em her Kingdom, because she found they were of no Service in her Wars, tho' upon the Publick Review some

ſome that appeared with a more lively Air then the reſt, were excepted out of the General Sentence. In fine, there were innumerable other Malecontents, who being driven out of her Majeſties Service, went to ſeek Employment in the ſame Country.

Theſe Troops were no ſooner arrived in the Enemies State, but they eaſily contrived the matter ſo as to perſuade Prince *BOMBAST* to declare War againſt *RHETORICK*. For beſides his Natural Inclination to embark in the Affair, becauſe of the Irreconcilable Hatred he alwaies bore her Majeſty, and her Chief Miniſter *Good-Senſe*: They gave him to Underſtand, the Queen had Publiſhed a Prohibition of Commerce; decrying all the Moneys and Merchandize that ſhould be Imported from the Country of *Pedantrie*.

He ſent therefore a Herauld to Demand a Re-eſtabliſhment of Commerce, and that *Double Entenders*, *Similes*, and the other Troops which he had received into his Protection, might be reſtored to their Ancient Charges and Dignities. But receiving no ſatisfactory Anſwer,

without farther deliberation, BOMBAST declared open War.

CHAP. II.

An Account of BOMBAST's *Forces and Diſpoſition.*

HE immediatly Iſſued ſeveral Commiſſions, for Levying new Troops, which were quickly raiſed in ſo Populous a Country. He likewiſe ſent to his Allies croſs the *Tweed* for aſſiſtance, with whom the Kingdom of *Pendantry* has alwaies held a ſtrict Correſpondence. Thus in a very few Days, he had a Numerous Army in the Field, which he reviewed in a ſpacious Plain called *Lyly*. His Forces were diſpoſed in this manner, *Double Entenders* formed the Vanguard, Marching in cloſe Battalions like the *Macedonian Phalanges* Armed with ſharp Weapons pointing to the Enemy on every ſide; and theſe Compoſed part of the firſt Line of Battel,

tle. On their Right, Marched the *Antitheſes*'s Troops, lately arrived from the *College*, who were perpetually Fighting and Quarrelling with each other. Theſe were ſubject to ſeveral Leaders, who all ſubmitted to the Noble Author of *Muſtapha*.

In the Left, were placed the *Similes*, under the Command of a certain Cavalier that has done wonderful Exploits with the Arms of *Cain* and *Samſon*, who profeſſes, himſelf to be one of *Arthur*'s Round Table, which Order he prefers before all others in the World. In the ſecond Line were *Ironies* with their Corporals *Sarcaſmes*, Armed with groſs Treatiſes to knock the Enemy down, not much unlike Bludgeons in ſhape, which deſperate Weapons they had been furniſhed with in a certain Magazin called the *Hall*.

On their Left appeared *Tautologies*, certein Troops Levyed in the Country of *Common-Law*, where they are much Eſteemed; they diſpoſed themſelves ſo dextrouſly, and extended their Files ſo wide, you would have taken 'em for a moſt formidable Body, and thrice the Num-

Number they really were: Theſe were Commanded by a dreadful Captain, a particular Favourite to Prince *BOMBAST* called *Sl--n*; for tho' there were perhaps many Perſons as Capable of the Charge as himſelf, meaning the Renowned *D——b——ns*, *Str——d B--r--sf--rd*, &c. Yet a modeſt aſſurance alwaies gains Preferment at Court; a thriving Qualification the Captain aforeſaid is remarkably ſtock'd with.

Between theſe Bodies, were two large Batalions, *Authorities*, *Metaphors* and *Alegories*, the firſt were almoſt Innumerable, for of them conſiſted the greateſt part of the Army; they were Commanded by two Lieutenant Generals, one called *Index*, who contarry to the uſual Cuſtom of other Commanders, brought up the Rear, to Rally his Troops, that were apt to Deſert their Colours. The other was called *Polyglot*, who Marched in the Van; a moſt Laborious Officer, that hath placed his Soldiers in excellent order, divided them into Twenty four Bodies, and to avoid Confuſion rang'd 'em according to the Letters of the Alphabet. Theſe

Troops

Troops conſiſted of Soldiers from all Nations; here you might have ſeen *Arabians*, *Rabbie*, &c. who ſtrike a pannick dread into the People, becauſe they dont underſtand 'em: Theſe from Father to Son, throughout all Ages, and Generations, have been ſtanding Forces in the Country of *Pedantry*. *BOMBAST* likewiſe had a few *Greeks* and *Romans* that Marched with abundance of Baggage *ad captandum Vulgus*. But every thing that was Sublime, Juſt and Polite, ſerved under the Banner of Queen *RHETORICK*. One paſſage very Remarkable I muſt not omit, Every *Authority* was obliged to bring a Certificate along with him, of the place from whence he came, otherwiſe could not be admitted; and this Certificate he was to leave with a certain Regiſter called the *Margin*, unleſs he had a mind to be taken for a Suſpicious Perſon.

The other Batallion on the Left, was compoſed of *Metaphers* and *Alegories* under the Command of *T——n——on* and *F——d*; Men that acquired great Reputation during the late troubles of the Language. The *Allegories* generally

ſpeak-

ſpeaking, were luſty proper Fellows, Armed with long Poles: But the *Metaphors* being of a ſmaller Stature, carryed nothing but a ſimple Javelin.

The Rear Guard, Conſiſted only of two Bodies, on the Right were the *Compariſons* Commanded by *P——d*. A hardy Leader, who had frequently made uſe of theſe Troops, tho' with ill Succeſs, for they were mighty quarrelſom. And indeed I cannot tell how they could be expected otherwiſe, coming ſo far, and from ſuch different Countries; being Levied by *Pliny*, *Solinus*, or *Strabo* Foreign Merchants, who amongſt other Curioſities brought theſe along with 'em. You may imagin they were ſadly fatigued, and look'd but ſcurvily after ſo long a Journey; yet it was as Impoſſible intirely to Defeat this Ragged Body, as the *Authorities*; for both had certain *Aſylums*, Impregnable Forts to Retreat to, upon Occaſion, called *Common-Places*.

That on the left, conſiſted of *Epiphonemas*, a Noiſy Bullying ſort of Soldiers, that were able to fright you with their Exclamations the moment you approached

approached 'em. Behind theſe, by the way of Reſerved Body, were diſpoſed the *Proſopopeias*, dreadful Forces in appearance; for they pretended to the Command of Towns and Provinces, which they put into Confuſion at their pleaſure. Theſe always brought up the Rear; becauſe of the Numerous Baggage they carry'd along with 'em, being conſtanly attended by an infinite Number of animate and inanimate Things. *Fancy*, a Bold and Enterpriſing Leader, was the firſt that Formed this Batalion. This Officer was a Man of an Excellent Genius, and could quickly make Something out of Nothing. He was *BOMBAST*'s *Chimera* Maſter General, equally rever'd for his Wealth and Parts; had Built ſeveral Caſtles in *Spain*, and was an eternal Foe to the *Chymiſt*'s, whoſe Buſineſs is exactly the Reverſe of his, *viz.* to Reduce *Something* to *Nothing*.

In either Wing, marched two conſiderable Squadrons of Horſe; the Right was poſſeſſed by the *Hyperboles*, a terrible Body, when provoked to mount

mount the high Ropes. Their Heads even ſeemed to threaten the Clouds; ſo much of the *Coloſſus*, and of the Giant was there in their Stature; ſtrange Irregular Troops, that never appeared in their due proportion, but were always either abundantly too big, or to little. They formerly laid waſt a Conſiderable part of the Kingdom when under the Command of *K—th*, who vainly thought to oblige *Rhetorick* to comply with his Demands by force, but after he had re conciled himſelf to her Majeſty, deſerted their Party. Whereupon certain other Hairbrain'd-Leaders undertook to Head 'em; who containing themſelves within no manner of bounds, forced their way even to the Confines of *Extravagance*.

The Cavalry on the Right were compoſed of *Deſcriptions*; theſe were excellent Scouts, mighty *adroit* at diſcovering the Force, or Situation of Places, and explaining the Enemies Deſigns. Theſe had the honour to be Commanded by *PHÆBUS* himſelf, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent to *BOMBAST*; a Prince of

of an Excellent Mein and a faithful Subject to his Father.

There were indeed ſeveral other Troops in the Army, but 'tis impoſſible to give you the Detaile either of them, or their Numerous Captains. Let it ſuffice therefore, that before the Batel began, there came ſeveral Troops from the other ſide the *Tweed*, with ſome Clumſey Squadrons under the Command of *K.——g——n*, a mortal Foe to *Common-Senſe*, whoſe Deſtruction he has Sworn, and long ſince Expelled him from all Places where he had the leaſt Intereſt. *B——t——y* likewiſe and *B——rg——s* brought great Numbers of *Antitheſis's*, *Allegories* and *Hyperboles* levyed at their own Expence. All which were diſperſed up and down the Army.

As for Artillery, this Noble Prince was well provided for the *Royal Society*, had ſent a Numerous Party of Engineers, that made a great appearance, but were of very little uſe, tho' their Virtue had often been experimented; for it coſt a prodigious deal of Time and Money to march 'em in Order, with all their heavy Baggage, to an Enemies Country, where,

where, if they chanced to do any thing extraordinary, contented with the Glory Smoak and Air; they never sought for substantial Plunder, after they had made a Breach, but obliged their own Leaders to defray the Adversaries Damage, upon every Success. At the Head of these, marched the worthy *Gimcrack*, adorned with many a farfetch'd Rarity; his Armour was *Indian*, Spoile taken from some dreadful *Tottypottimoy*, his Helmet a Human Scull, by an old secret of Nature, rendered impenetrable, and set so close, many mistook it for his own; instead of a Sword he bore Pointed a *Recipe*, the more fatal weapon of the two; and *Licence* was his Shield. A Politick Chief, who in Imitation of *Cæsar*, still pen'd his own Memoirs. Young *Whirligig* brought up the Rear, lately promoted to that Honour for some new Discoveries, owing to his prying Lucubrations.

At the Head of this formidable Body, marched Prince *BOMBAST*, surrounded by his Liveguard of *Acrosticks* and *Anagrams*; Troops of no small Consideration in the Country of *Pedantry*;

try; nor once less Esteemed in this fair Isle. The former had the Honour to attend upon Doctor *Donne*, and the latter were Banished for Assassinating good Queen *Elizabeth*, under the Conduct of a certain Emissary, who by their Magick Assistance, Converted *Elizabeth* into *Jezebel*.

In fine before this Mighty *Prince*, you might have beheld the Royal Standard, with his Arms thus Blazoned, *The Field Azure, two Pherulas in Saltire, Or, with a border of Birch Crenelle; the Supporters two Asses Rampant Gules Languid and Armed Sable, the Mantle Ermin and Embroidery; the Crest a Helmet, of Steel ill Polished, tracked, overt and bruised*: And to give these *expressive* Arms their due, they well described the Genius of the Nation they belong'd to.

With this Numerous Army, did our Hero make an inroad into the Borders of *Eloquence*, and Surprized many Places before they had leisure to prepare for their Security. He immediatly fell upon the Province of *Justice*; a Country of no small Consequence to the Queen,

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Conſidering how vaſt a Revenue ſhe once Yearly received from thence; here he Raiſed immenſe Contributions; for having always had Correſpondents, and ſome particuler Friends in this State; he eaſily found the means to take moſt of the Towns by Surprize. Upon this Occaſion the *Antitheſes*'s and *Authorities*, gave ſignal Proofs of their Courage; for they Charged ſo furiouſly, they ſoon obliged all the *Queen*'s faithful Subjects to give Ground; a conſiderable Loſs, for at the beginning of her Reign, the Queen deſigned to make this the Place of her Reſidence.

With the like ſucceſs they quickly overrun the *Preacher*'s Province, an open Country, of large Extent, where there were certain Eminences, called by the Vulgar *Pulpits*; which Commanded the Plains or *Pariſhes* beneath. This had long been part of the Queen's Demeſne, and of ſo great Importance, that he who poſſeſt it, might quickly render himſelf Maſter of the greateſt part of the Kingdom. The *Allegories*, *Epiphonemas*, *Antitheſes*'s and *Authorities*, acted the greateſt part in this Ex-

Expedition: And for ſecuring their new Conqueſts, took Care to leave ſtrong Parties behind in Garriſon.

The *Epiſtolary* Province, ſhared the very ſame fate, for the Drills and Lackeys of the Army, entring after *B——n* and *S——a——ge* who ſerved 'em rather for Guides than Leaders; Plunder'd the intire Country, and took up their Quarters there; *Love-News*, *Congratulations*, *Condolings*, *Eſſays and Pamphlets* ſuffered many Loſſes during this Diſorder: In fine nothing 'ſcaped the Malice of the Enemy, except the Letters of State, which being Penn'd in a Stile more Sublime, were placed beyond the reach of this undiſtinguiſhing Fury.

Nay, even the Province of *Romance*, in this General inundation, bore a part of the Damage. Here you might have beheld many Noble Places, Lofty Turrets, Gilded Pinacles, Sacred Temples, Delightful Gardens, Flowry Meads and Loving Grotto's; ſome extraordinary, Star preſided at the Birth of every Native of this Bleſſed Soil, which was better ſtocked with Beautiful and Virtuous Women, than any Kingdom in

the World beſide. All the Men were Born Heroes, Love and Honour were the ſtudy of the Place, *Mars* and *Venus* Ruled by Turns: And Death had no Power to enter, but under pretence of ſearching for Criminals. Yet nothing was able to move the Compaſſion of ſo Inhumane a Foe; the lofty Piles erected by many laborious Artificers, were in a moment levelled with their Primitive Nothing, and hungry Deſolation ſpread her Claws on every ſide. What eſcaped the firſt fury of the Enemy, fared little better, being overcharged with Numerous Garriſons: All the champaign Country was intirely over-run, only two Towns, *Donquixot* and *Arcadia*, being Scituate upon higher Ground, and better Fortified than the reſt, eſcaped the common Calamity.

But what's very wonderful, with all this Force, the Enemy were never able to render themſelves Maſters of the *Morass*, where ſtood certain little Forts, Magnificently Built upon high Eminencies, wherein the moſt valuable Treaſures were repoſed. But indeed they were very well Guarded; a ſtrong Party of Grana-

Granadiers ſecured the Avenues, which once obtained; there ſtill remained ſeveral Out-works, Courts, Stairs, Chambers, Antichambers and other Retrenchments, with ſtrong Pallizadoes and Fortification of *Rails* and *Balliſters*. *Galantry*, the Queen's *Tireuoman* Governs theſe places: This Lady is one of the greateſt Favourites at Court; for when ever *RHETORICK* has a mind to keep a Circle, and divert herſelf, ſhe has always the honour of the firſt Tabouret, and ſtarts the Subject of Diſcourſe. All the brave Polite Gentlemen at Court, have taken a kind of an Oath of Allegiance to her, Swearing never to forſake her: She has ſo much preſence of Mind, ſhe is prepared for all Attacks, and Patroles ſo carefully, never any Perſon was known to enter with the Livery of *Pedantry*; except a few *Moraders*, of the Province of *Counterfeits*, Allies of that State, who ſometimes make Inroads by Surprize, and carry off Priſoners even from the midſt of her Quarters.

CHAP. III.

An Account of the Queen's Forces.

THE Moment the War was Declared, the Queen began to think of making Levies; but her Kingdom being ſmall in Compariſon of the Enemies, and her Supplies not arriving by the time appointed, ſhe found herſelf obliged to ſuffer theſe Outrages for a time: At length indeed ſhe had Raiſed a conſiderable Army, which for the moſt part conſiſted of the ſame kind of Troops with *BOMBAST*'s, but more *adroit* and better regulated. She had *Antitheſes*'s, yet not ſo Licentious as thoſe on the other ſide, which always marched in Cluſters at the Tail of one another, but ſuch as having learnt their Excerciſes in the *Academy*, were obedient to their Commander's Orders, and knew how to maintain their proper Poſts. Here likewiſe you might have beheld *Alegorie*'s old ſtanding Troops of great Eſteem, for having ſo conſiderably enlarged her Majeſty's Ter-

Territories. For to the Modern Geography, they had added the ſpacious Kingdom of *Utopia*, the *Empire* of the *Moon*, and the Iſle of *Barataria*, where *Miguel de Corvantes*, Sir *Thomas Moor* and Biſhop *Wilkins* enjoy mighty Seigniories. They had likewiſe Signalized themſelves in the Plains of *Lucian*, during the *Grammatick War*. Theſe Troops were very numerous, and much to be admir'd for their ſtrict *Roman* Diſcipline, for they never allowed themſelves the ſame freedoms with the reſt of the Army. His *Satyrical Highneſs* ſent the Queen ſeveral gay *Ironies* of a very different Humour from thoſe in the Enemies Camp; with a ſtrong Party of *Fables* under the Command of Sir *Roger L'Eſtrange*; from the Republick of *Common place*, arrived conſiderable Nunbers ſent by the Statholder *M—ge*, many Regiments of Authorities; but of theſe the Queen Entertain'd but few; for ſuſpecting they held Intelligence with *BOMBAST*, ſhe liſted only thoſe that ſeem'd beſt affected to her Intereſt; above all making Choice of ſuch as ſpoke but little,

for her Majesty ever had a Mortal aversion to great Talkers.

Hyperbole's were not wanting, which tho' far inferior in Number, yet excelled their Foe in Conduct and Bravery: And *Dryden* likewise furnished her Majesty with some of his Polished *Similes*, to atone for having formerly offended her Ears with others less Pertinent and Natural.

Kennet too, sent her a considerable Supply of *Antique*, but well regulated Troops; which at his own proper Expence, he had new Cloathed and Trained in the Old *Academy*, where they had made themselves perfect Masters of the Art of War; and each of 'em brought ample Certificates of his good Behaviour from *Plutarch*, *Livy*, *Cæsar*, or some other Person of established Credit and Quality.

Here you might have behold a *Battalion* of hardy Foot, Cloathed in Black, whose Modesty and Courage were equal; an Invincible Body under the Command of that Renowned Leader *Swift*; many more Supplies indeed from the Province of *Sermons* arrived, well regu-

regulated Parties, Conducted by *Tillot-ſon*, *Moſs*, *Atterbury* and other Chiefs, of no ſmall conſideration, tho' the latter had his Armour ſomething ſully'd with Convocation Ink. *H....ks* alſo upon this occaſion, gave proofs of his Loyalty, a Man of much Language, who has Lineally deduced the Genealogies of Words from Father to Son, with more fidelity than Heralds uſually do. By this Officer the Queen reaped a ſingular Advantage, for from him ſhe received punctual Intelligence what Motions the Enemy made.

Hobbes was preſent at this general Review, a hardy Chief, who not content to have carry'd his Victorious Arms into the moſt Remote Countries of the Antient *Greek*, encountered *Myſtery*, where after a long and obſtinate Diſpute, being obliged to quit the Field, he took a dangerous leap in the Dark. However having now recovered that Diſgrace, he made a ſplendid Figure, adorned by the Trophies of *Thucydides* and *Homer*. Here likewiſe *Tom Brown*, being lately admitted into her Majeſty's Service, made a better appearance at the

Head of his ſmall Party, than ever he did in the other World.

After theſe, before a Numerous Squadron, march'd *Orinda*, that Illuſtrious Maid, more famous than the other of *Orleans*, the Queen's greateſt Minion and Confident. One Failing, it muſt be confeſſed, ſhe always had, to be attended by a certain ſneaking Servant, called *Modeſty*; who inſpired her with feeble Councils, and often prevented the atchieving thoſe Exploits, a better Genius directed. Not ſo, the next *Amazon*, Renowned *Behn*, who acknowleged no other Laws, but thoſe of Nature, and her ſoft deſires. This Lady had the beſt Equipage of any in the Field; came attended like a Sovereign Princeſs; the *Engliſh Rover* was Captain of her Guards, and *Oronoko* her Favorite Stateſman. Yet the Judicious inform us, *Orinda* is much the Richer of the two, and her Credit will paſs for more Money in the great Bank of *Reputation*.

The Great *Spanheim*, her Majeſties Antiquary, was the only Loyal Subject of the State, who came not in Perſon to her Aſſiſtance; being excuſed upon the Score

Score of his Double Function, as Embaſſador and Author in a certain Northern Kingdom, where heequally promotes the Queen's Affairs, with thoſe of *Pruſſia*. How ever he ſent ſeveral Veteran Troops to the General Rendevouze; part very well Cloathed, and the reſt without the New Regimental Habits, he was preparing for 'em, which they had not leiſure to tarry for.

CHAP. IV.

The Troubles in the Kingdom of Poetry; *how they aroſe, and upon what terms Compoſed.*

SO ſoon as the War was Declared, the Queen had likewiſe ſent to Demand Aſſiſtance from her Siſter *Poetry*: A Princeſs with whom ſhe has always lived in perfect League and Amity; having taken one of her Subjects to be Preſident of her Councils: For the Government of their States was almoſt

moſt the ſame, only *Poetry*'s Territories were Subject to more auſtere Laws. But this Princeſs could not ſend her Supplies by the time deſired, which gave the Enemy an Opportunity of laying the Kingdom Waſt. This Misfortune was occaſioned by a certain Bloody War, that Lady was engaged in at Home, which required her more immediate Care: And we ſhall give you a ſhort account of it, to excuſe her Neglect.

There hapned a Bloody Diſpute in her Dominions, between *Rhime* and *Reaſon*; the firſt of theſe pretended to the Superintendance of Direction of all Affairs, reſolving to make *Reaſon* ſubmit to their Arbitrary Sway. Thus a Poet having clap'd two *Rhimes* together, immediately fanſi'd he had made a couple of Verſes, giving *Reaſon* the liberty either to come or ſtay away at his pleaſure. Whereas by the Fundamental Laws of the Country, all Poets were firſt obliged to enquire after *Reaſon*, and then add a *Rhime*, if they could find it.

——— *To riſe in Senſe and ſink in Sound.*

For this purpoſe certain Offices of Intelligence for *Rhimes*, had been formerly erected, called *Dictionaries* and *Parnaſſus*'s *Rhimes* of late Years had made ſo conſiderable a Progreſs, they had intirely expelled Reaſon out of *Proverbs*, *Sonnets* and *Madrigals*; in fine, puffed with this Succeſs, they now began to take Poſſeſſion of *Hemiſtichs*, and lodge themſelves where they thought moſt Convenient, which intirely Defeated all *Cadence* and *Harmony*, thoſe faithful Attendants on her Majeſty, and occaſioned dreadful *Hiatus*'s and *Cacophoneas*, to the infinite damage of the State. For theſe Diſorders *Milton* and ſome other *Engliſh* Heroes, rallyed all their Forces, and drove the *Rhimes* out of their ſeveral Provinces: Whilſt *Jodelle*, *Paſquin*, *Paſſerat*, *Rapin* and ſome other *French* Adventurers, finding themſelves too weak to aſſert their Liberty, pray'd aſſiſtance from the *Romans* and *Greeks*, who detached a ſtrong Supply of *Quantities*, compoſed of *Sponde's*, *Dactyles* and *Iambicks*,

Iambicks, to their Aſſiſtance; which enabled 'em to defend the Reaſon they had left; nay, a certain Ally of theirs in *England*, was ſo mightily taken with the Diſcipline of theſe Foreign Troops, he Entertained a Regiment at his own expence, which he drew up after this manner.

Benjamin *immortal* Johnſon, *moſt highly renowned*;
Not fair Faced, he was, but he was fair ſpoken Ulyſſes.

What progreſs theſe Outlandiſh Heroes might make in *France*, I cannot ſay; but the Bill for Naturalizing 'em with us, miſcarryed. Tho' a certain Noble *Grecian* made uſe of 'em not many Years ſince, with good Succeſs, to fright a poor Bookſeller out of his Wits; who had given him Five Pounds Earneſt for an *Epick Poem* in that Language upon King *William*; and coming about a Month after, to enquire what progreſs his Author had made, could only find theſe three mungrel Hexameters.

Ἧς ἐπὶ μὲν φίνε πῦνδες ὃν ἐλένδετο, εὖ μαλὰ σιμπλῶς,
Τῆς μὲν ἔγω σπενδὴς ἕν ἐοίκοσι Κολβονοῖο.
Δρυνκόμενος καὶ σπυόμενος πασὰν διὰ νύκτα.

The *Rhimes* finding themſelves vigorouſly Attacked on all ſides, immediately reſolved to make a powerful Diverſion in the Country of the *Latins*, and play the ſame Game *Scipio* did with *Hanibal*, to oblige him to retire from *Italy*. Nay, to obtain a Bleſſing upon their Arms, they had recourſe to Pope *Leo*, who honour'd their Party with his own Name, from whence they have ever ſince been called *Leonicks*: And indeed they did wondrous Execution, for in a Moment they expelled *Quantities*, the Sovereign Lords of the Country; who were thus obliged to recall thoſe Supplies for their Defence, they had ſent to the Aſſiſtance of *Reaſon*: But immediately on their Return, the Poſture of Affairs was chang'd; for the *Rhimes* were intirely Routed, and obliged to take ſhelter in the neareſt Churches, whence they have never

never been so hardy to adventure out! Tho' at *Rome* perhaps you may meet 'em sometimes upon Procession-Days, intermix'd with Cathedral Hymns. To this Defeat *Fair Rosamond*, *Venerable Bede* and some others, were indebted for their Epitaphs; so incomparable in their kinds, I think my self obliged to Repeat 'em.

Hîc jacet in Tombo, Rosamundi non Rosa-
munda,
Non redolet fœdolet quæ redolere solet,
Hîc sunt in Fossa Bedæ venerabilis Ossa.

Quantities, having thus regained their Ground Rhimes, were glad to Capitulate upon the following Terms. *That because of their late Rebellion, they should for the future, take up their Quarters in the Suburbs; nor ever presume to Lodge themselves with the* Hermetricks, *or any other honest Burgesses, that dwelt in the Heart of the City; That to prevent Cabals against the State, they should never march above two together in the same Livery, unless upon special Occasions.* Where *Reason* seemed to require a third, to bring up

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the Rear of a Poem; *yet even there, as a Badge of the Irregularity, the laſt of the three ſhould extend a Foot beyond the reſt. The* Vowels *likewiſe effectually to avoid all Confuſion and Tumult, were expreſly ordered not to ſuffer above one* Syllable *at the end of a Verſe to Chink, upon pain of being taken for* Dogrel, *and uſed as ſuch; becauſe her* Poetick Highneſs, *Loves nothing ſo much as Peace and Sweetneſs. But from the laſt of theſe Clauſes, the* French *were exempted, otherwiſe even their beſt Pieces had fallen under the Condemnation of that Sentence.*

CHAP.

CHAP. V.

The Forces Poetry *ſent to the Aſſiſtance of her Siſter.*

THE Peace thus concluded, the Princeſs immediately ſent her Siſter the Forces ſhe had Levyed; which for the moſt part conſiſted of Cavalry. The Great *Shakeſpear*, High *Conſtable* of the Kingdom, led three powerful *Dramatick* Cantons, *Tragedy*, *Comedy*, and *Tragi-comedy*, Provinces her Highneſs had intirely committed to his Command; theſe were furious Troops, that immediately entered into the Heart of Towns and Kingdoms, led intire Countries Captive, and occaſioned ſtrange Commotions where ever they came.

From the *Lyrick* Coaſts, came great quantities of light Arm'd Horſe, Led by *Cowley*, *Oldham* and ſome others, who had Conquered unknown Lands; and imitating the great Examples of *Pindar* and *Horace*, acquired a fame little

little inferior to theirs: Here you might have ſeen thoſe invincible Troops, the *Plagues of Athens*, the beſt Mounted, and moſt Regular of any in this Squadron: But their Renowned Captain, having obtained a more honourable Poſt, only Commanded here by Proxy.

Next came the mighty *Milton*, Sovereign Prince of *Epic-Land*, followed by two Armies raiſed at his own Expence: So numerous were his Troops, his ſole *Compariſons* and *Deſcriptions* were ſufficient to have form'd whole Regiments. But his lateſt Levies were not Comparable to his veteran Soldiers; for tho' by their Aſſiſtance he regain'd his *Paradiſe*, at the ſame inſtant he loſt abundance of Credit. After him, walked *Spencer*, by ſome prefer'd to the former; then at an awful diſtance *Denham* and ſome others, at the Head of ſmall Parties: And the Renowned *Bl...k...re*, who brought more Soldiers into the Field than any other Chief; indeed they were ſomething Irregular, ſome tall enough for Granadiers, others of the Pigmy ſize; yet were very acceptable

to her Majeſty; for being extreamly like the Enemies Troops, both in Form and Habit, they made excellent Spies.

From the Province of *Idylle*'s arrived a Regiment or two under the Command of *Creech*; and from the *Satyric Forreſt*, *Butler* and *Garth*, Grand *Cenſors* of the Kingdom, brought powerful Parties, excellently well Arm'd; which never fail'd of making dreadful Slaughter where ever they Charged.

From the Land of *Elegies* likewiſe, came two Renowed Chiefs, *Waller* and *Rocheſter*, each famous in his ſeveral way; the former relyed more upon Art, the other on Nature, who's peculiar Favorite he ſeems to have been: One inriched his Native Country with Flowers Tranſplanted from *Rome* and *Athens*; the other found Subject enough to employ his Fancy at home. The firſt could never name his *Sacchariſſa*, without making her a Goddeſs; the laſt frequently dreſs'd his *Phillis* in a very homely Garb: In fine, *Waller* had more of *Homer* in him, *Rocheſter* of *Ovid*. Theſe were attended by *Sacklin*, *Sidley*, *Granville* and ſome others, who never gave

gave farther proofs of their Courage than Attacking Ladies Hearts.

Not a part of the *Poetick* Country, but ſhewed their hearty Zeal upon this occaſion, nay *Chaucer* himſelf, notwithſtanding his Age, march'd at the head of his *Invalids*, to Queen *RHETORICK*'s Aſſiſtance; and for the convenience of being ſupplied with an Interpreter, had leave to take his Poſt near *Dryden*.

Nor were Warlike Engins wanting, *Dioclesian*, *Circe*, *Pſyche*; the *Emperor of the Moon*, *Rinaldo* and *Armida*, with the *Mad Lover*, ſent all their Machines ſo wonderful in their kinds, the Authors paſſed for Conjurers with the Vulgar; who miſtook 'em for the Lawful Heirs of *Merlin* and *Roger Bacon*. Theſe were Subject to the Command of *Interlude*, Grand Maſter of the Ordnance, a faithful Attendant upon her Highneſs, who always march'd accompanied with a numerous Train of Artillery. He had the misfortune to loſe his Tongue, when he was taken Priſoner by the *Barbarians*; yet you might underſtand his Meaning very well by the Signs he made: Se-

veral *Poets* were considerably obliged to this great Officer, for filling up huge *Hiatus's* in their Works; tho' amongst the better sort, it was reckoned Dishonourable to pray his Assistance: He always entertained a great many petty Scriblers in his Service *Pigmy-Genius's*, that could never run a Carreer of above two couples, without being out of Breath. Yet their Address supplyed the Defects of Nature; and having enter'd into League with *Purcel*, Sovereign Prince of Musick, they soon made so considerable a Progress that the meanest Performances by their help, would pass Muster at any time, whilst the most Correct Pieces of *Dryden*, *Congreve* and *Wycherly*, were slighted by the depraved Appetite of the Age.

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CHAP. VI.

The Deſcription of the QUEEN's *Army.*

ALL theſe Forces having now joyn'd her Majeſties, ſhe gave Orders, to her Field-Marſhal *Art*, to diſpoſe 'em in Battle-Array, according to the directions he ſhould Receive from *Good-Senſe*. Here, 'tis worth our while to Remark the Diſpoſition, which differ'd extreamly from that of the Enemy. For amongſt *Pedants* it had always been an inviolable Maxim, to place their *Homogene's*, or Troops of the ſame Kind, together. For example; if any Captain went to poſſeſs him ſelf of a Poſt, his whole Party conſiſted of *Hyperboles*. In another place you ſhould behold an Intire Garriſon of *Antithes's*, juſt according to the Genius of the Commander. Nay, ſuch particular Troops were ſo mighty fond of certain Leaders, that they had a kind of Propriety in 'em, and transferr'd their Intereſt from

Father to Son, for many Generations. Hence the *Narrations* always attended upon the Chiefs of the *Hypotepoſis's*, *Confutations* upon *Ironies*, and *Epilogues* upon *Anacephaleoſis's*. Nor was any *Pedant* ſo hardy to conteſt their Right, or pretend to remove 'em from their ancient Poſts; to which they pleaded a Title by Preſcription.

But all theſe abuſes were Reformed in the Kingdom of *ELOQUENCE*; *Art* never would ſuffer intire Bodies of *Hyperboles*, *Antitheſis's*, *Ironies*, or the like, to herd together, nor permit 'em always to be Commanded by the ſame Officers. Experience had taught him the advantage of making *Hetorogeneous* Bodies, compoſed of divers kinds, where were mingled Soldiers of different Countries, and with various Arms; for each, he choſe a convenient Poſt, obſerving the conſtant Rules of time and place; and varying as occaſion required.

Of all theſe Troops thus ſhuffled and mixed together, he formed ſeveral Squadrons and Battalions: The firſt Body that appeared on the Right, in the Vanguard, were *Speeches*, Commanded by

by *Good-Senſe* himſelf, in Perſon, for he had never an Officer he could depend upon, in ſo Important a Poſt, where the Soldiers were very Mutinous, and hard to be reſtrained within the due bounds of Military Diſcipline. *Sermons* and *Funeral Orations* poſſeſſed the Left, under the Command of their General *Sprat*. In the midſt were placed the *Dramatick* Forces, their Generals *Shakeſpear*, *Johnſon*, *Dryden* and *Otway*.

The Army conſiſted of four Battalions, in the Right, where the *Philoſophical* Works of the Great *Burnet*, famous for having ſo many faithful *Linceus* Ey'd Spies about him, that are able to pry even into Natures Womb, view the earlieſt Feats of Creation, and diſcover the moſt hidden Secrets, Scripture has locked up in Myſtery and Parable.

On the Left, were the *Hiſtory*'s, conducted by Sir *Walter Rawleigh*, an Experienced and Faithful Captain, who ſcorned to turn his back upon *Truth*; tho' Embracing that Lovely Dame, he knew he muſt Diſoblige ſeveral great Perſons of his Age. Between theſe two,

were placed the *Moral* and *Politick* Writings of *Lock* and Sir *Matthew Hales*, in whom center'd two things, before irreconcilable, the *Lawyer* and the *Divine*: Both were Officers of great Renown; yet much inferior to the Mighty *Bacon*, who not content to have arrived at the greateſt Dignities his Country could afford him, gain'd an Immortal Name, by preferring the *Philoſopher* to the *Keeper*. With theſe were Intermixed ſmall Parties of *Letters* and *Pieces of Gallantry*, Levyed in the Queens Hereditary Countries, and Commanded by the Duke of *B——gham*.

The Rear-guard was Compoſed only of two Battalions; that on the Right conſiſted of *Romances*, under the Command of Sir *Philip Sidney*; and on the Left, were Poſted the *Tranſlations*, which being very Numerous, were divided into ſeveral Bodies; firſt Marched *L'Eſtrange*, a Magnificent Leader, who had dreſſed his Troops in new Habits *A-la-mode*, Cut, and Model'd juſt according to his own Fancy. Others obeyed *Hobbes* and *Sheerſ*; whoſe ſevere Diſcipline had rendered 'em leſs

Licen-

Licentious; and if they made not altogether ſo good an Appearance as the former, they ſurpaſſed them in Juſtice. After theſe came *B——n* a Captain, who made his Levys in ſo much haſt, that he found himſelf obliged to Liſt ſeveral Lackeys and Black-guard, to compleat his Number.

All the Cavalry diſpoſed in either Wing, came from the *Poetick Kingdom*; theſe were Figures well Mounted and Elevated above the Reſt. For really Verſe is nothing elſe but Proſe on Horſback, and ſo ſaid the Ancients long ago. Theſe were furious Troops of incredible Swiftneſs, and would in a moment render themſelves Maſters of the higheſt Eminencies. In the Right were the *Dramaticks*, *Lyricks*, *Sonnets*, *Epigrams* and *Madrigals*: On the left, *Epicks*, *Idylles*, *Satyrs* and *Elegies*. Commanded by the ſeveral Chiefs; that brought 'em. Nor was there any difference to be obſerved amongſt 'em; but that the *Epick* and *Dramatick* Squadrons were Arm'd *Cap-a pe* like *German* Curaſſiers; the Reſt were only light Arm'd Cavalry; whereof her Majeſty

Majeſty upon occaſion might have form'd a Flying Camp. Never were better Regulated Troops beheld with human Eye; they even Marched by Meaſure, and ſo well obſerved their Ranks, not one advanced a Hair's breadth before his Comrade. But indeed they were kept under ſevere Diſcipline, by two Grand Superintendents, *Sheffield* and *Roſcommon*, who had preſcribed 'em certain Rules, not to be Tranſgreſſed, upon pain of being Caſhiered: But their Captains were ſometimes obliged to moderate the Rigour of theſe Orders, otherwiſe they could never have found Soldiers that would have liſted under their Banner.

In the midſt of theſe Troops ſhined the *Queen*, adorned with all her Native Sweetneſs and Majeſty; ſhe was ſurrounded by a ſmall Party of Archers, and light Armed Cavalry, Commanded by a Certain Captain, called the *Mode*, who was lately promoted to that Honour by her Majeſty; tho' formerly he was but of very little eſteem. The firſt occaſion of his Riſe, was, being ſerviceable to the great *Court of Directors*, whom

whom he put in a right Method, about the diſtribution of Glory, and thoſe other Rewards her Majeſty beſtows upon her well-deſerving Subjects.

But perhaps you may think it ſomething ſtrange, there ſhould not be the ſame kind of Cavalry, amongſt the *Pedants*, to oppoſe her Majeſty; eſpecially ſince *BOMBAST* has ſeveral *Poetick Provinces* revolted to him, more Populous than thoſe, whence the *Queen* had her Forces: Where the Inhabitants neither trouble their Heads with *Rhime* nor *Reaſon*. But being created ſpight of *Minerva* and the *Muſes*, they durſt not adventure to take the Field; becauſe they had accidentally heard *Homer* mention certain dangerous and vindictive Goddeſſes, who ſometimes engaged in Battles, whoſe ſtrength and fury they were not ſo hardy to experience. Wherefore they kept themſelves cloſe within certain Forts called *Colleges*, guarded by *Cerberus's*, or *Janitors*, that had expreſs Command to ſhut the Gates againſt any Perſon that appeared to have a Mein ſomething more than Human.

Now,

Now, tho' her Majeſty alone, informed and animated this puiſſant Army, yet ſhe always diſtributed her Orders, by the Organs and Advice of *Good-Senſe*, who Commanded as Captain-General. His was the Care, to pitch upon a convenient Place, to Encamp in; wherefore, to prevent being ſurrounded by the Enemies Numbers, he Poſted himſelf in ſuch manner, that the *Torrent of Eloquence*, which waſh'd the Plain, ſecured one Wing; the Capital Town the other, within ſight whereof he deſign'd to Engage the Foe. This Affair diſpatched, he immediately, detach'd an *Off-hand* Party, to get Intelligence of *BOMBAST*'s Motions: Theſe were Troops Levyed in haſt, and of no great Reputation, tho' ſometimes they had the Fortune to take ſtrong Places by Surprize, which might otherwiſe have held out a Formal Siege. Upon their Return they informed him; the Enemy advanced by long Marches, with a full deſign to give him Battel, and depended ſo much upon his Numbers, that accordding to his uſual way of ſpeaking, he declared *the Queen's Forces were*

were not ſufficient to make him a Dinner.

CHAP. VII.

BOMBAST's *Speech to his Army.*

SO ſoon as he arrived within ſight of her Majeſty's Army, he thought it neceſſary to harangue his Troops, to render 'em the more eager for the Combat; becauſe he obſerv'd *Hiſtorians* made Great Captains do the like, wherefore thus he began.

"SInce the Grand *Macedonian Alexander* conducting his *Grecian* "*Phalanges* into Land *Aſiatick*; whether he was about to Scale the Impending Cliffs of the ſupercillious "*Caucaſus*, or glide along the flowry "Medes of *Euphratean* Banks; was "accuſtomed to ſtimulate 'em forward "with Military Concions, to the intent, that their Noble Courage, being ſharpned upon the Grindſtone

"of

" of his Eloquence, might have a more
" acute and egregious Edge. So I
" likewiſe find my ſelf prompted by
" an Authority equally deciſive, to ſwell
" the Siſtol and Diaſtol of my Pulmons,
" to make the Forges of your Hearts
" Flammiferoas by my *Anhelatus's*, and
" ſet your Courage all on fire, with an
" Immoderate Deſideration of Honori-
" fic Glory. Not but that I am ful-
" ly aprized your Euthuſiaſm is Toni-
" truous, and well repleat with Bril-
" liant Flames, whoſe ſmalleſt ſpark
" is more than ſufficient to annihilate
" the *Hyperborean* Regions: But I was
" principally induced hereunto, by the
" Commemoration of a learned *Apoph-*
" *thegm*, Recorded by a *Lycophrontick*
" Scholiaſt, in a certain Treatiſe of *Lo-*
" *garchie*, now preſerved in the *Haidel-*
" *bergian Bibliotheque*; which wiſely
" obſerves λόγος παντὸς Speech ſur-
" mounts all things. But ſince I am
" uncapable of Inſtilling Neſtorian
" Nectar into your Aurific Organs,
" *ſince I cannot entertain you as I would*,
" ſuffer me at leaſt to produce a ſmall
" Sketch of my Fecundity. I ſhall not

" offer

" offer, you as *Prototypes*, the Examples
" of the *Tamerlanick* and *Oſtiogothick*
" Squadrons, nor yet the *Vandallick*, our
" faithful and Antique Allys, who
" made great Deſolation in Melliflu-
" ous *Greece*, and ſack'd *Rome* the
" Bellipotent. No! I will make uſe
" of no other Inſtruments to animate
" you, but the Sonorous Buccins and
" Clarions of your own Nobility, and
" the Fifes and Tabors of your
" Grandure: For what Nobility is
" more Antient than ours; has it not
" ſurmounted all others in this Orbi-
" cular Globe? Are we not Lineally
" Extracted from the Prolifick Womb
" of *Chaos*? Was ever Monarchy U-
" niverſal, if ours be not? And of this
" Immenſe ſublunary Ball, which Geo-
" metricians punctually divide into
" Three hundred and ſixty Particles
" Poſſeſs not we above Three hun-
" dred fifty nine? What a Vitupera-
" tion then is it, that theſe petty un-
" grateful Runagado's, whom we have
" Nouriſhed, as I may ſay, in our very
" Boſoms, and who have no other
" *Aſylum*, but a paultry Market Town;

" ſhould

" ſhould preſume to mock the vaſt
" *Gymnaſiatick* Territories, which have
" always been ſo Terrible, that even
" our Fuſtiferous Beadles, have been
" accounted *Alcides*'s? What may we
" not promiſe our ſelves from our
" Numbers, which are more than
" Centruple in proportion even to the
" *Perſian Maſtigotholaſt*? In Days of
" of *Tore*, when we had no other
" Weapons but our Rods and Feru-
" la's, we turn'd our Antagoniſts
" Topſieturvy, tho' Arm'd with Lan-
" cets and Ragged Staves. And are
" they now grown ſo hardy to depend
" upon Delicacy? What will their
" Lame Phraſes with Dulcifyed and
" Effeminate Words be able to do, when
" they ſhall find themſelves attacked
" by Strong and Robuſt Terms, as
" *Heautontimoroumeno's*, *Amphitryonia-*
" *des's Sycnathegorematicks* and other
" Hendecaſyllabick *Polyphemus's*? You
" then moſt Noble *Equivocations* and
" *Alluſions*, whom *Rhetorick* would
" Oſtraciſe, ſeek Revenge for your
" Baniſhment; you *Antitheſes's* and
" *Allegories*, whom ſhe would Reform

" and

" and Camp in little Eaſe, march for-
" ward and aſſert your Prerogatives.
" You *Epiphonema's* and Exaggerations,
" who by her Tyranny have been
" ſo much abridg'd of your Chriſtian
" Liberty of Babling, ſuffer ſilence no
" longer to be Impoſed upon you. And
" you *Compariſons* and *Authorities*, no
" more permit your ſelves to be
" diſhonourably Chain'd up, and pre-
" vented Sallying from your common
" Places, without her Licence: Preci-
" pitate your ſelves like a *Lybian Lioneſs*
" that purſues the Venatorian *African*,
" who has ſurreptitiouſly deprived her
" of her *Fœtus*; aſſuring your ſelves, that
" you go not ſo much to the Com-
" bat as to the Victory. So may
" ſanguinolent *Mavors* and azure-ey'd
" *Pallas*, ſhed their benign Influence
" upon you: I will conjure them, the
" one by the grand Manglement he
" made amongſt the *Typhons* and *En-*
" *cellades*; the other by the Glorious
" Victory ſhe obtain'd over the firſt
" *Arachne*. Nor have I reaſon to ſcep-
" ticiſe about Succeſs, for this Morning,
" as a bleſſed Omen, I heard it Thun-

" der towards the Left; beſides, the
" laſt Night, did I behold in my
" ſomniforous Moments, the great pre-
" parations we were making for Tri-
" umphs and Ovations in the Colleges,
" where the Schollars cry'd *Gratias*,
" for the Play-day they had obtain'd
" upon the Account, of this felicitous
" Expedition.

CHAP. VIII.

Good-Senſe *his Speech, and the Battel.*

ON the other hand, in the *Queen*'s Army, *Good-Senſe*, who always kept his Countenance Sedate and Compoſed, rather in Compliance to Cuſtom than Neceſſity, made this ſhort Harangue.

" SInce the ſole deſire of Glory has
" brought you into the Field, there
" will be no occaſion for a long Diſ-
courſe

" courſe to incite you to give proofs of
" your Valour. Never did a more
" plentiful Harveſt of Palmes and Lau-
" rels, preſent it ſelf: Never was there
" ſo Glorious an Opportunity for De-
" fending Reaſon, againſt the Oppreſ-
" ſions of Barbarity. 'Tis true the Age
" has declared againſt you, and our
" Enemies are very Numerous: But
" let this be our Comfort, the *Greeks*
" and *Romans*, who taught us how to
" Engage, have always had the Ad-
" vantage over Barbarians. What
" tho' their Empire be great and An-
" cient? Do not we know that the
" moſt puiſſant States have their De-
" cline as well as their Riſe? And
" that little Republicks always made
" head againſt the moſt Potent Mo-
" narchies? We have nothing to fear
" whilſt we March under her Maje-
" ſties Auſpices; for we may properly
" ſay, we carry *Cæſar* and his For-
" tunes. The Queen has long ſince
" Undermin'd the Foundations of the
" Empire we are to Encounter with:
" Be it then our Task to compleat

" her great Deſigns, and let us no
" longer miſpend that time in talking,
" which ought to be employed in
" Action.

Upon this, to ſhew the Enemy how little he valued 'em, without quitting his Poſt, he immediately began a Skirmiſh by a Party of *Billetdouz* and *Complements*, Detached for that purpoſe; who making a Tour about, March'd within Piſtol-Shot of the Enemy, and there Diſcharged, before they returned to joyn the main Body. Whereupon the *Pedants* in one intire Cour, came to Attack *Good-Senſe*; and certainly had it not been for the Aſſiſtance of the Tutelary God of *Rhetorick*, and the General's own Conduct, in diſpoſing his Troop ſo dextrouſly, he could never have been able to have ſuſtained ſo dreadful a Shock. But a very extraordinary accident made the Victory fall on his ſide.

In the Battalion of *Antitheſes's*, were a parcel of inimitable Mortals; every Rank conſiſted of Oppoſition and Contrariety. The Rear was perpetually

claſhing

claſhing with the Van; and no ſooner had the Trumpet ſounded, but it rouz'd their ancient Enmity: He that brought up the File immediately Attacked the Right Hand Man, and each Engaged his Companion: Thus without the Enemies aſſiſtance, this Battalion intirely Defeated themſelves. The *Prince*, who had not foreſeen this Diſorder, now endeavoured to redreſs it; but, being naturally of a fiery Temper, inſtead of remedying, he made the matter worſe than it was before: However he order'd an *Aide de Camp* to make the *Authorities* advance to ſuſtain him, and at the ſame time Commanded another to bid the neareſt *Ironies* March: Theſe two Bodies advanced with ſo much precipitation, they run foul upon one another, and the *Antitheſes's* behind, finding themſelves excluded from a ſhare in the Action, tho' they had been a little appeaſed before; now reſolving not to ſtand idle, went together by the Ears again, with more fury than ever; which occaſioned ſo great a Confuſion, it could never after be compoſed. Mean while the Combat

was begun, between the Cavalry on both ſides; the *Deſcriptions*, Commanded by *Phœbus* in Perſon, made a ſtand for a while, againſt the *Epick*, *Lyrick* and *Idyllian* Squadrons: But at length were obliged to give Ground to their Superiour Force and Vigour; and a bad underſtanding amongſt themſelves, did not alittle contribute to their diſorder; The *Antitheſes's* and *Authorities*, being Routed, the Enemy purſued, and made a dreadful Slaughter amongſt 'em. Next, the *Satyrick* Troops charged the *Ironies*, and Engaged them ſo cloſe, they Wounded 'em with their Poyniards, or ſhort Treatiſes, often having broke, and diſarm'd 'em of their Clubs. On the other ſide, the *Dramatick* Squadrons had pour'd down upon the *Hyberbole's*, their Ancient Foes, whom they deſigned to exterminate Root and Branch: Here the Diſpute was ſo Warm, that moſt of the *Prologues*, which compoſed the *Enfant perdus*, Periſhed in the Encounter, and greateſt part of the Horſe, finding themſelves briskly attack'd, retreated; a Body of *Sentences* and *Morals*

Charged

Chared ſo furiouſly, that many of the *Dramatick* Party received dreadful Wounds from 'em, and the Marks remain to this Inſtant: Victory had ſometime continued dubious between theſe furious Combatants, when the *Humour of the Age* coming up to the Aſſiſtance of the *Dramaticks*, obliged the *Moraliſts* to retire, and the *Hyperbole's* finding themſelves Deſerted, were obiged, 'ſpight of their inveterate hatred, to Surrender to their Enemy; who when they had granted 'em Quarter, found, for all their mighty appearance, they were nothing but empty Phantoms puffed with Wind.

About the ſame time, the *Queen's* Vanguard advancing, the *Sermons* fell upon the *Alluſions* ſo Couragiouſly, who were Poſted over againſt 'em, that in a moment they Diſordered and Routed 'em. This Party puſhing their Succeſs, Cut many *Exaggerations* to Pieces, who coming from the Land of *Counterfeits* were pretty well Fortifyed, to theſe the *Sermons*, who fought for the Truth, were mortal Foes: From hence they advanced towards the *Allegories*, who

notwithſtanding the Victories they had obtained in former Ages, were now grown feeble, and had loſt their Priſtine Courage; for they ſuffered *P---d* and *B--g--ſs*, their Leaders, to be Cut off within their view, who now aton'd with their Bloods for the Deſolations they had made in the Kingdom of *Rhetorick*.

During this diſorder, Prince *BOMBAST*, tho' almoſt ſurrounded by the Enemy, was the only Perſon that did not betray the leaſt tokens of Fear; unmoved he ſtood with his Battalion of *Equivocations*, who being drawn up after the manner of a *Phalanx*, with their Pikes and long Treatiſes pointing every way, it was impoſſible to break 'em: In fine, they ſuſtained the Enemy's Charge ſo long, they gave their ſcattered Troops opportunity to Rally, and return to the Combat: Thus the firſt Line of Battel was ſoon reſtored by freſh *Antitheſes's*, *Allegories* and *Authorities*; and immediately they came to Charge her Majeſties Vanguard, which then was a little diſordered; for, aſſuring themſelves of the

Victory,

Victory, they had ventured a little beyond their Ranks to purſue the Defeated: This furniſhed the *Antitheſes*, *Allegories* and *Authorities*, with an eaſy paſſage thro' the open Lines, of the *Sermons*, *Dramaticks* and *Speeches*: And put the *Queen*'s whole Army in ſo great a Confuſion, that hardly a Soldier eſcaped without Wounding.

Thus without any conſiderable reſiſtance, they forced their way to the ſecond Line, where *Good-Senſe* had diſpoſed the *Hiſtories*, *Philoſophic*, *Moral* and *Politic Works*, with ſome other Stout and Vigorous Bodies, which bravely ſuſtained their Shot; and obliged Fortune, ſome conſiderable time, to hold the Balance equal.

Mean while the *Epick* Squadrons, finding nothing that was ſo hardy, face 'em, had began to Charge the *Compariſons* in the Flank; and having likewiſe brought in their Companies, ſeveral ſmall Parties of the ſame kind, tho' infinitely more Robuſt, (for one *Poetick Compariſon* is able to Beat ten in *Proſe* at any time) theſe immediately

diately Engaged 'em Man to Man, and obliged 'em to fling away their Arms.

The Cavalry on the Right had done the like Execution, for having Flanked the *Epiphonema's*, they forced them to Run away with woeful Exclamations; where upon the *Queen*'s Forces obtain'd an intire Victory. A dreadful ſlaughter was made amongſt the *Antitheſes's Authorities* and *Equivocations*, which were Broken and Routed on every ſide. Nay, it was Ten thouſand to one, but Prince *BOMBAST* had been Taken; but having a little Diſguiſed himſelf, he paſſed without ſuſpicion, through ſeveral Squadrons of the Enemy; and after he was out of Danger, declared he ſaw ſeveral of his good Friends and Acquaintance in *RHETORICK*'s Army, who were Inſtrumental in helping him to make his Eſcape. Thus the *Queen* became Miſtreſs of the Field of Battel, with all the Enemies Baggage, which the *Proſopopeia's* had deſerted in a lucky Hour; ſince there by they obtained the means of ſecuring their Retreat. But ſtrict orders were given to prevent medling

medling with the Spoil, which being infected, might have ſpread the Peſtilence amongſt the Camp.

Perhaps you may wonder why the *Machines* and *Artillery* ſo much talked of on both ſides, were never made uſe of, during the whole Action. But as for thoſe on *BOMBAST*'s ſide, *Gimcrack* indeed had Erected a Laborious Battery, wherewith he deſigned to do wondrous Execution, but moſt unfortunately it hapned one of the Inferior Engineers gave fire before the Critical Minute, which totally Defeated the whole Operation. Whereas both *Whirligig* and *Gimcrack* Swore by *Hermes Triſmegiſtus*, one Hairs breadth more of Time, had accompliſhed the moſt Glorious Project ever Human Brain was Big withal; and done *RHETORICK*'s Army more Miſchief, than ever *Archimedes* was able to do the *Roman* Fleet. Thus far'd it with *BOMBAST*'s *Artillery*; But for the *Queen*'s, ſhe was ſenſible the *Machines* brought by the Grand Maſter *Interlude*, were more for ſhew than uſe; and tho' at firſt it was reſolved they ſhould attend upon

upon the *Dramatick* Squadrons; yet the *Intendants*, upon wiſer Conſideration, would not ſuffer 'em to play; leſt they they might prevent the Officers and Soldiers from ſhewing their Courage. Beſides there was reaſon to apprehend they might have Wounded Captain *Invention*, an Officer, for whom her Majeſty had a more than Ordinary Eſteem, and had Conſtituted him Commiſſary General of all her Forces.

After the Victory the Priſoners were viſited; for the *Queen*'s Forces had put none to the Sword, that accepted Quarter; only the obſtinate Died upon the Place; great Numbers had Surrendred at Diſcretion, and many of 'em entered into her Majeſties Pay, having loſt their former Hatred, and taken an Oath of Fidelity, to live according to the Laws of the Country. As for Captain *Index*, being a very uſeful Perſon, he found a favourable Entertainment from the *Queen*. But *Poleanthea*'s Liberty was valued at an Immenſe Ranſom; and certain ſubſtantial Merchants in *Paul*'s *Church-Yard* and *Paternoſter-Row*, advanced the Money

Money to Preſerve his Life; for her Majeſty was mightily preſſed by ſeveral of her beſt Counſellours, to commit him to the Flames. The moſt unfortunate Perſon upon this Occaſion, was ths *Lord Chief Juſtice Cook*, who came to aſſiſt his Ancient Friend and Ally, Prince *BOMBAST*, at the Head of a Numerous Party of Barbarous *Law Terms*, attended by his inſeperable Companion, the good Judge *Littelton*; in whoſe more fortunate Days, the vaſt Empire of *Pedantry*, had no body ſo hardy to preſcribe its Limits. Not ſo, when *Cook* preſided at the Helm, for tho' ſeveral bulky Folio's can witneſs for his Zeal, to maintain the Rights and Prerogative of that Monarchy, whilſt his latter Days were ſpent in deſtroying his Lawful Sovereigns; yet *Bacon*'s ſuperior Genius rendered his utmoſt indeavours ineffectual. To his Charge therefore, being taken Priſoner, he was Comitted, and met the ſcurvy uſage he deſerv'd; for pretending to ape the *Virtuoſo*. Sir *Matthew Hales* indeed interceded in his behalf; but the Anſwer *Bacon* made him,

him, was in a Law Diſtinction, that he would ſpare the *Lawyer*, but Chaſtiſe the *Pedant*: Yet the Body Natural might as well have ſuffered for both the Politick Capacities as one. In fine, his Lordſhip being Voted a moſt implacable *Pedant*, and conſequently a Notorious Enemy to her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, 'twas Decreed he ſhould Run the Gantlet: Many were the Stripes his Juſticeſhip received, for My *Lord Bacon* and Sir *Walter Rawleigh* took care to quit ſome Perſonal Scores; nor did the Duke of *B——ham* forget to reward him for the Virulent Harangue he made againſt his Father, when Speaker of the Houſe of Commons.

CHAP. IX.

The QUEEN, *finding it in vain to attempt a Reduction of the* Common-Law *Cantons, turns her Arms againſt the* Civilian.

THE *Queen*, being again Miſtreſs of the Field, was reſolved to attempt the Recovery of what ſhe had loſt; but eſpecially the Province of *Juſtice*, which tho' mightily infected with *Pedantry*, was ſtill her peculiar Care; ſome Friends ſhe had in the Diſtrict of *Equity*, tho' but a few, yet their Merit and ſingular Zeal was ſufficient to atone for the Offences of the whole Country. Theſe frequently bemoan'd their Lot, which had placed 'em in *Meſbech*, and cauſed them to dwell amongſt the Inhabitants of *Kedar*: 'Tis wondeful ſo Populous a State ſhould ſeldom produce above one *Phœnix* in an Age, and ſometimes hardly that; tho' *Sommers*, *Wright*, *Cooper* and

and *Powis* have adorned the Preſent. With theſe, and theſe alone, her Majeſty has always held a ſtrict Correſpondence, and by their help flattered herſelf, ſhe ſhould one Day reduce the intire Province to Obedience; which, to her Infinite Sorrow, after many Attempts, ſhe found unpracticable. Long did the former of theſe Hero's ſtrive to aſſert her Right, till unſought for Preferment Condemned him to the Daily Torment of hearing Nonſenſe, a vexation to ſo nice a Taſt, equal to that of *Syſiphus*: But his better Stars have ſince rewarded his Toils, by giving him *Otium cum Dignitate*. The ſecond, deſpairing of Succeſs, after having given ſignal proofs of his Loyalty, retired; but the Occaſions of the State ſoon found him out, and obliged him, contrary to his Inclination, to accept the Seals. *Cooper* and *Powis* now alone Remain, the *Cicero* and *Hortenſius* of that Bar. But in vain they endeavour to Reform the uncouth Multitude that Croud the Hall, whilſt *Scandal* and *Impertinence*, the mortal Foes of *RHETORICK*, oppoſe the good Deſign.

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Conſidering therefore the Irretrievable Condition of this part, her Majeſty turned her victorious Arms againſt thoſe Cantons belonging to the *Civil-Law*, which had revolted by the Inſtigation of *Slander*, *Recrimination* and *Common-Fame*, who brought a powerful Army into the Field: No ſooner were theſe Politick *Amazons* met at the general Rendevouze, but to ſtrengthen their Party, they reſolved to ſend for Aſſiſtance to their Old Allys, the *Common Law* Cantons; *Procedendo* happning to be then amongſt 'em, about ſome Bawdy Buſineſs, they entreated the Favour of him, as he had always been inſtrumental to preſerve a fair Correſpondence between them and his own Country, (notwithſtanding the utmoſt endeavours of that Incendiary *Prohibition*) he would now pleaſe to give 'em a farther proof of his Friendſhip, by Solliciting Supplies. *Procedendo* told 'em, he would not be wanting to ſerve 'em; but they knew very well his Countrymen were Perſons of wondrous Precaution, never acted without a *Precedent*; and if one could

not be found to warrant this particular Action, he doubted it would not be in his Power to serve 'em. However he went, and delivered his Message; whereupon a general Meeting of the States was Summon'd; and after many an Hour spent, many a *Tautological* Harangue made to no purpose; not a single *Case impoint* could be found: But at length the worthy Silver-Tongued *R——r——der* declared this being a matter concerning a Breach of Peace, he could prove it Plainly belonged to his Jurisdiction; and, quoth he, if you want *Precedents*, I will give you one of *Rokeby* Sheriff of *York-shire*, who in days of *Yore*, raised the *Posse Com.* Defeated a Rebel, and without farther Ceremony Chop'd off his Head upon a Stone in the open Field. Thus the Negociation succeeded; *Procedendo* being Judged the propereſt Person, was made Captain General for this Expedition; and a Numerous Army of *Indictments*, *Writs*, *Declarations*, *Pleas*, *Demmurrers*, *Replications*, *Rejoinders*, *Rebuttors* and *Surrebutters*, standing Troops of the Country, were soon appointed

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to attend him. Arriving at the Ally's Camp, both Armies were joyned, and the Generals resolved to carry on the War, with all the Vigour imagiuable: But before the least Motion Offenfive was made, *Slander*, *Recrimination* and *Procedendo* entering into a private Cabal, agreed to exclude *Common Fame*, out of their Councils, not that they doubted her Integrity, for she had always given proofs of her Affection to the Country, and often proferred her Service to the *Common-Law* Cantons, where sometimes she found Employment, sometimes none, according to the Temper of the Judge, and Disparity between the Plantiff and Defendant. But they knew she never could keep a Secret, and therefore desired she would accept of the Command of a Flying Camp by her self; which she at last condescended to: But so general was the Affection of the Soldiers to her, three parts in four of the Army desired leave to Fight under her Banner. This Motion was readily agreed to by *Slander* and *Recrimination*, who designed not so much to come to a set Battle,

as to reduce their Enemies by Ambuſcade: Another humour they had too, which was ſomething odd; they rather choſe to Fight in the Night than dy Day. *Procedendo* indeed was of a different Temper he declared he car'd not a Farthing who knew what he did; for he deſign'd to leave all his Actions upon Record to Futurity; and being reprimanded by his Country *Collegues* for his Freedom of Speech, he Swore *per Capita omnium Juſticiariorum Dominæ Reginæ Nunc*, &c. they ſhould find he would *Murdrare* and *Abſcariare* more of the Enemies Men by downright Dint of Valour, than they ſhould with all their Management.

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CHAP. X.

The Battle; the QUEEN's *Forces Defeated.*

ABout two Days after, the Buſineſs came to a deciſive Battle; wherein *Oldiſh*, *Waller* and *Floyd*, (to whoſe Charge her Majeſty had Committed the Army ſent againſt theſe Rebels) behaved themſelves to Admiration: But over-powred by Numbers, were obliged to give Ground, till a Fortunate Accident turned the Scales. The *Libels* and *Declarations* in the Enemies Army, hapned to be placed next each other; now the *Declarations*, who were juſt come from Reading the Lord Chief *Juſtice Cook*'s Definition of that Word, wherein he has Learnedly declared, that *a Libel is a Lye, and a Bell to Sound it about*, moſt unfortunately miſtook the *Civil-Law Libels*, for their old Antagoniſts, they had ſo frequently encountered with Succeſs, in the Plains of *Weſtminſter-Hall*;

wherefore they immediately fell upon 'em with a Felonious Intent, and made ſo dreadful a Slaughter, it put the whole Army in Confuſion: The *Libels* with a doleful Voice, Cryed out, *Sevitium, Sevitium, Sevitium*, but their old Friend *Divorce* was ſo Buſy in another Place, he had not Leiſure to part them.

Thus faired it with the Enemy's Forces; when the *Queen*'s Generals, ſeized the happy Opportunity, and puſhed their Succeſs; But as Fortune has an Influence over all humane Affairs, eſpecially thoſe of War; here ſhe exerted her Authority. *Common-Fame*, a *Heroine* Renowned for good Intelligence, having Notice how the buſineſs ſtood, flew to the Aſſiſtance of her Allies, and Charged the *Queen*'s Forces ſo Furiouſly in the Rear, ſhe ſoon obliged 'em to Face about: Mean while *Cowell*, a mortal Enemy to *RHETORICK*, aſſuming the ſhape of a Book of *Law-Terms*, interpoſed between the *Libels* and *Declarations*, compromis'd their Differences, and made a perfect Underſtanding between 'em; upon this

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the Enemy having leiſure to Rally, returned with freſh Vigour to the Charge. Thus in a Moment, the Poſture of Affairs was changed; the *Queen*'s Army was Surrounded on all ſides, and intirely cut off; none Eſcaping but the Generals themſelves, who at laſt too ſurrendered, upon Condition they might be allowed free Liberty of Correſponding with the *Queens*, without incurring the Penalty of the Act in that Caſe made and provided.

CHAP. XI.

The Provinces of Sermos *and* Romance, *Reduced by* Sprat *and* Sidney.

THus ended the War in the Province of *Juſtice*. But the Great *Sprat* had much better ſucceſs in that of the *Sermons*: A certain Lieutenant of his, called a *Paſtoral-Letter*, reduced one intire *Dioceſs*; he had the

like Succeſs himſelf in Perſon, over a *Deanary*, and tho' the Enemy hired a Bloody Villain, called *Young*, alias *White*, alias, *&c.* to diſcharge a Volley of Accuſations againſt him; Yet, his Armour being made of *Innocence*, diſappointed the Malice of the Shot, and he ſoon obtained an Intire Victory: Many Chiefs were ſent upon this Expedition beſides, whoſe Names are now too tedious to relate; but one Hero we muſt not paſs by in ſilence, the Renowned *Eachard*, a Succeſsful but Cruel Captain: For he Hewed his Enemies to peices, as *Samuel* did *Agag* in the Mount, Split and divided 'em as barbarouſly as they did their own Texts.

Sir *Philip Sidney* gain'd not leſs Renown in the Country of *Romance*; entring his Beloved *Arcadia*, he found the Capital Towns had ſtill held out againſt the Enemy, and his Authority ſoon brought the Country round about into obedience. But his next Neighbour, *John Barclay*, under pretence of ſerving her Majeſty, played the *Falſe Scot*, and held Intelligence with the Enemy.

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CHAP. XII.

BOMBAST *raiſes the Ban and Rear-Ban, deſires to venture a ſecond Engagement.*

WHilſt the *Queen* was endeavoring to repair the Damage ſhe had ſuſtained, *BOMBAST* Rallyed the broken Remnants of his Army, the greateſt part whereof had ſaved themſelves after the defeat in *Common-Plaſes Colleges*, and certain other *Aſyles*: Thus when he took the Field again, his Troops were as Numerous as his Enemies. And this advantage he had reap'd by his Loſs, that he was grown more Cautious and Conſiderate, whilſt he found himſelf prompted to venture a ſecond Engagement, by the vaſt Supplies which daily Arrived. For before his Departure, he had Publiſhed the *Ban and Arrear-Ban*; but the Nobility being ſowewhat ſlow at equipping themſelves, did not meet at the general Rende-

Rendevouze, till the Buſineſs was over; wherefore they having had no ſhare in the late Action, were ſtill Intire.

The New Forces that arrived were *Arguments*, the Nobility and Flower of his Kingdom. The Vanguard conſiſted of *Prior Analyticks*, the Rear of *Poſterior Analyticks*, and the Main Body of the Army was Compoſed of *Topicks*, in Eight Battalions, under the Command of *ARISTOTLE*. In this Court were mix'd *Dilemma's*, *Sorites's*, *Enthymema's*, *Inductions*, and ſeveral other kind of Troops, but their beſt Forces were *Syllogiſms*, Puiſſant and Dangerous *Coloſſus's*, dreadful and hideous to behold, who Fought Starknaked like *Barbarians*. Their Colonel's Name was *Barbara*, followed by Nineteen Captains, with dreadful Names, ſuch as *Felapton*, *Diſſamis*, *Baralipton*, *Datoſi*, *Bocardo*, *Feriſon*, and ſuch other Names that were of excellent uſe to fright the Vulgar with. So difficult was it to Defeat his Troops, that nothing but cutting off their Heads, or dividing 'em in the Middle, was able to effect the Buſineſs. They Marched under *Colours*,

Colours, call'd, in the Language of that Country, *Theſes's*, where were deſcribed the Arms of ſeveral Perſons of Quality: They never Engaged to ſo great an Advantage, as when diſpoſed in Order under theſe Standards, when they frequently came off with great Noiſe and Applauſe. There were likewiſe in this Army a Body of Raparees, called *Sophiſms*, Levyed in the Province of *Paradoxes*; and to give 'em their Due, tho' they ſeldom did any Execution, when diſpoſed in Order of Battle, yet they frequently did Wonders by Surprize, were excellent good at taking Paſſes and weigh-laying an Enemy in Ambuſcade; where they infallibly Defeated 'em, unleſs they had the good Fortune to be provided with a *Diſtinguo*, or different Way either to Right or Left.

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CHAP. XIII.

How Ariſtole *came to enter into* BOMBAST*'s Service; The Ill Uſage Queen* Philoſophy *and he met with.*

BUT before we proceed any farther, perhaps it may be thought ſomething ſtrange, ſo great a Genius as *Ariſtotle*, ſhould Fight under the Standard of *BOMBAST*: But in truth he only favour'd his Party in appearance, and made a falſe ſhew of Sympathizing with him: For thoſe who were perfectly well acquainted with the *Grecian*, knew there was no Friendſhip or Intelligence between 'em. But I will give an Account how he came to have the Misfortune of engaging with 'em. You muſt know he was once Chief Miniſter of State, to a certain Puiſſant Queen, called *Philoſophy*, who formerly poſſeſſed a Flouriſhing Kingdom, and had four Beautiful Daughters,

Logick,

Logick, *Phyſick*, *Morality* and *Metaphyſick*. By their means ſhe became intire Miſtreſs of the whole Province of *Gymnaſia*, which was a Glorious and Powerful Country, whilſt Bleſſed with her Reſidence. But in proceſs of Time it ſo fell out, a parcel of Villains and Ridiculous Dotards, Uſurped the intire Authority of the Province; and not content with that, at the ſame Inſtant, entered into a moſt horrid Conſpiracy againſt her *Majeſty*, having ſurprized her Sacred Perſon, they Mangled and Disfigured her moſt abominably, they claped her up in a dark Dungeon, where ſhe has ever ſince ſpent her Days in Obſcurity. Nor did their Cruelty ſtop here, for they delivered her Eldeſt Daughter up to the Diſcretion of *Univerſals* and *Categories*, a Fierce and Barbarous People, who only Fed her with *Chimeras* and *Appearance of Reaſon*, which made her ſo Thin and Meagre, you could hardly have known her again. The *Queen* herſelf however had the good Fortune to eſcape their farther Rage, by getting out of the Priſon they had Committed her to, and

and flying for ſhelter to the Mountains, where ſhe dwells in a very wretched Condition, not daring to appear for fear of being made the Sport of the Prophane Inhabitants.

Sometime after this, fanſying her Chief Miniſter, *Ariſtotle*, had been inſtrumental in her Eſcape, they apprehended his Perſon, and uſed him as Scurvily as they had done his Miſtreſs: For having robbed him of all his Sprightly and Polite Treaſures, they diſguiſed him in a Scandalous Habit, called *Tranſlation*, and turn'd him ſo often Topſy-turvy, by continued ill uſage, they rendered the good Man frequently Senſeleſs. The next Buſineſs was to put him upon the Wrack, and oblige him to confeſs many things he never ſaid nor thought of. After this they Condemn'd him to the *Flames*, whence he hardly found his Reprieve; but at laſt 'twas Decreed he ſhould be cloſe Confined within a certain loathſome Goal, called a *Commentary*, which was ſo very Dark, when you approached him, you could not perceive the leaſt Glimmering of Light. However notwithſtanding they had

had uſed him ſo Barbarouſly, at length they began to conſider how uſeful a Perſon he might be, if they could bring him over to their Party, therefore to Tempt him they offered the greateſt Offices in the Country of *Pedantry*. *Ariſtotle* finding his Miſtreſs was intirely ruin'd, and that he had now no other Retreat, or means to deliver himſelf from his Perſecutors, accepted their Terms, and gave 'em his Promiſe, which they received with great Demonſtration of Joy; for he did them as much Service as they had formerly done him miſchief. After this he was held in great Eſteem amongſt 'em, and his ſingle Authority was at any time enough to ſilence the moſt vehement Aſſertor of his own Opinion, when *Ipſe dixit* gave the ſign.

RHETORICK's Army was not a little ſurpriz'd, to find they had now ſo puiſſant an Enemy to deal with; who might render their former Victory of no Effect. However, being Couragious, they reſolved to ſuſtain the Shock, ſo often as the other ſhould think fit to give them Battle; and in all Human Proba-

Probability, might have Defeated them again; but for the unhappy Differences amongſt themſelves.

CHAP. XIV.

The Combat between Dryden *and* Ben Johnſon; *the Departure of the* Poetick *Army.*

IT hapned moſt unfortunately after the late Defeat, each Hero bragging what Exploits he had done, *Ben Johnſon* declared three of his Regiments, *The Fox, the Alchymiſt, and Silent Woman,* had played their Part better than any in the Army, and that he durſt at any time venture, by their Aſſiſtance only, to Encounter all *BOMBAST*'s Forces. *Dryden*, who was preſent, could not hold his Countenance at this, but burſt out into a loud Laughter; whereupon *Shakeſpear* and ſome other of *Johnſon*'s Friends, told him 'twas ſuch an Inſolence, as he could not in Honour

Honour put up, for a Poet of his Dignity to be ſo ſcurvily Treated, was inſufferable. *Johnſon*, who was Naturally Quarrelſom, and wanted not Courage to reſent an Injury, Demanded what *Dryden* meant by his Laughter; who inſtead of Begging Pardon, very frankly told him, that ſuch Vanity as his would have moved Laughter even in *Heraclitus*; for, added he, to hear a Fellow brag of his Performances, who could never Write *Engliſh*, and is often guilty of ſuch little Jeſts and Clinches, as the Boys at the College break one another's Shins for, provokes my Spleen to ſuch a Degree, I cannot bear it.

This, you may eaſily Imagine, was enough, and too much amongſt Men of Spirit, to cauſe Blood-ſhed and Murder: In fine, without farther Ceremony, Gantlets were exchanged, and an Hour appointed for the Combat, where each was permitted to bring as many Allies into the Field, as his Intereſt could raiſe. Great was the Canvaſſing upon this Occaſion, and the whole Poetick Army was as much divided as a

Borough upon an Election: For *Ben Johnson*'s Part, he had always been of a Snarling Temper, therefore had very few Friends amongſt his Cotemporaries, his greateſt Dependance was upon *Dryden*'s Enemies; of theſe ſeveral flock'd to him, as the D. of *B——ham*, Lord *R——er*, *Otway*, *Lee*, *Shadwel* and ſome others of leſſer Note: However, to prevent the Effuſion of Poetick Blood, 'twas agreed the Friends on both ſides, ſhould only ſerve for Arbiters of the Combat, and that the two Champions ſhould diſpute the Matter alone.

But before we proceed any farther, I muſt acquaint you, that Poets are thoſe Spirits, which you have been informed heretofore had the Power of entering Dead Carcaſſes, and aſſuming what Shapes they thought moſt Convenient. Thus *Dryden*, who had repreſented many a Hero in his time, was now in diſpute with himſelf whether he ſhould enter the Liſts in *Alexander*, *Don Sebaſtian*, *Marc Antony*, or *Almanzor*. The *Grecians* ſprightly Mien and Youthful Courage, Charm'd him mightily, but accidentally caſting his

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Eye upon *Lee*, an Unlucky thought came croſs his Mind, which intirely ſpoiled the Execution of that Project: Thus the *Spaniard* was Choſen, and his Minion *Almanzor*, who had done ſuch incredible Feats in *Granada*, was to add the Defeat of *Ben Johnſon*, to the reſt of his Conqueſts.

Mean while Crafty *Ben* was not idle, having notice of *Dryden's* Deſign, he conſulted his old Friend *Vulpone*, who adviſed him by all means to aſſume a very different Character from what the World expected: Thus when the time Appointed came, *Dryden* enter'd the Liſts, compleatly Arm'd at all Points, like a Knight Errant, and made a ſtately Tour upon his *Spaniſh* Gennet. Whilſt all the Spectators Eeys were fixed upon him, who ſhould come running into the *Ronda*, but the Fair *Almahide*; our Cavalier eſpying his beloved Lady, immediately quitted his Horſe, and ran with all the Impatience of a Youthful Lover, to Embrace his Counterfeit Miſtreſs, but real Enemy; who having thus drawn him into his Clutches, ſoon ſqueezed the Ro-

mantick Puff-paſt, here into a reaſonable Size; then aſſuming the ſhape of *Brutus*, Stab'd him to the Heart, with the very ſame Dagger, that ſent *Cæſar* out of the World; whereupon down drop'd *Dryden* and expired in a *Simile*.

By this lucky Stratagem *Ben Johnſon* came off Victorious; and many applauded his Wit, whilſt others taxed him with want of Courage, ſaying, he had Tranſgreſſed the Law of Arms. But he declared he had many Examples to warrant his Conduct, and often repeated that ſaying,

An dolus aut virtus quis in hoſte requirat!

However this occaſioned ſuch Cabalting and Diſorders amongſt the *Poetick* Forces, that *Princeſs* was forced to recall her Subjects to Compoſe the Differences between 'em, and prevent thoſe Conſequences which ſeemed to threaten a Civil War. A fatal Misfortune to the *Queen*, who was thus deprived of the moſt Conſiderable part of her Army. Yet after this ſhe might have been more than an equal Match,

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for *BOMBAST*, had not the Spirit of Diſſention reign'd throughout the whole Army, a Peſtilence that even infected the moſt ſacred Body, where one would have expected eternal Peace and Harmony: But *Myſtery* and *Convocation* drew many a Sword, than Sheathed 'em in thoſe Bowels they ſhould have Defended.

CHAP. XV.

The QUEEN *retreats into her Capital Town, reſolving to ſtand a Siege.*

THeſe and ſome other Croſſes made it Impracticable for the *Queen* to keep the Field; wherefore, having diſpoſed Garriſons in thoſe Places that remained firm to her Intereſt, She reſolved to enter into her Capital, hold out a Siege, and there attend the Divine Aſſiſtance. *BOMBAST* conſi-

dering the Importance of this Place, immediately Inveſted it, not in the leaſt doubting, but he ſhould by the Deſtruction of this Town, put a happy End to the War. The firſt motion he made towards this Important Buſineſs, was to diſpoſe his Cavalry in the four Avenues to the Town. On the South ſide, he ſeized the Paſſage of *Merit*, a rough, uneven, narrow Path, thro' which they who were very well acquainted with the Country, ſometimes got admittance into the Town: But ſo difficult was the way to hit, the moſt experinced Travellers had often made three or four Eſſays, before they could find it out. On the North likewiſe, he had rendered himſelf Maſter of the Caſtle of *Cabal*, which Commanded a large and open Road for Horſe and Chariots. On the Eaſt, he ſecured the Way thro' which the *Nobility* paſſed to the Town; a ſpacious Avenue that fronted a Triumphal Port, which was never opened, but to thoſe that entered with Pomp and Magnificence. And on the Weſt, he made himſelf Maſter of the Valley of *Election*, which

which was the moſt common and even way of the four; but the beſt Guarded of any, for watchful Centinels frequently demanded *Who goes there*, and the Officers never permitted any Perſon to enter, that had not ſufficient Paſſports.

In fine, he diſpoſed his Quarters, with ſingular Diligence: And a certain *Engineer* of the Country, who came along with the new Supplies, *Juſtice Lipſius* by Name, Inventor of a new kind of Politicks, formed the Deſign of the Circumvallation, whereon he erected many Forts and Redoubts, and ſo ſtrongly was the Communication Guarded by *Authority*, there was hardly room enough left for the moſt minute Particle to get admittance. All the Works the *Pedants* made to Fortifie their Lines, were Covert-way's ſtrengthened with Rampiers of *Commentaries* and *Paraphraſes*, wherewith they ſurrounded the Town. The *Pioniers* employ'd in this Buſineſs, were not ſimple Peaſants, but Officers of the greateſt Ability and Renown in the whole Country; as *Scoppius*, *Taubmannus*, *Gru-*

terus, *Buxhornius*, *Petrus Valens*, *Grangais*, *Guietus*, *Peyraredus*, *Gronovius*, *Gibſon*, *Floyd* and ſeveral others, who removing the Earth, dug even to the Graves of the Deceaſed, whence they brought ſome ſtrange Rarity to light. But that which made the *Queen* moſt uneaſy was, Obſerving the *Pedants* had fetched all the Materials and Utenſils, they wrought with from the Country of *Eraſmus*, *Scaliger*, *Turnebus* and others, who had opened their Copious Magazines to her Enemies, notwithſtanding her Majeſty had ſtrictly Obſerved the Neutrality agreed on between 'em.

That Part the Beſiegers wrought moſt indefatigably at, was the Gate of the *Nobility*, by which means they hoped to cut off all Supplies, for from hence lay the direct Road to the Country of *Mecænas's*, which conſiſts of certain Ancient, Noble and Generous Families, now almoſt intirely extinct: However their Scouts had aſſured 'em Conveys could arrive no other way, all her Majeſties Revenue being aſſigned upon the Merchandize of *Glory* and *Immor-*

Immortality, which ſhe makes with theſe Lords. But this precaution was altogether needleſs, for that Commerce had long been Interrupted, becauſe the Traders had brought in ſuch vaſt Quantities of this Merchandize from Foreign Countries, they began to turn to very little Account; nay ſo contemptible is the Ware become of late Days, it hardly defrays the Charge of the *Turkey Leather* 'tis Imported in: This Misfortune is owing to many Cauſes, but principally the depraved Appetites of Noblemen, who prefer the ſenſual ſatisfaction of one Nights Lodging with an Aiery Harlot, before all the diſtant hopes of *Immortality*; and think five Guineas as ill beſtowed upon a Dedication, as a certain Noble Lord did the Services done a *Jew*, who when they came to talk of Rewards, told him, he being one of the Tribe of *Levi*, by peculiar and inherent Prerogative, had a Title to introduce twelve Gentiles into Heaven at the Day of Judgment, by the way of Pages to ſuſtain the Hem of his Garment; and he faithfully promiſed his Lordſhip ſhould be one.

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Nor is this the only Cauſe neither, for there are ſtill ſome few Lord *Dorſets* left; but *Elkanah Settle*, *Nahum Tate*, *Tom Durfey*, *Ayloffe* with ſeveral other *Coyners*, have ſo often impoſed upon the the good Nature of the Patrons now left, by putting Counterfeit Money upon 'em; they begin to ſhut their Doors upon thoſe who bring the real Stamp of *Parnaſſus*, and *Certificates* for their Honeſty, under the *Queen's* own Hand.

Their Lines being now Compleat; the Enemy began their Approaches, directly oppoſite to the Quarters of *Good-Senſe*. For this purpoſe they cut *Trenches*, with ſo many turnings and windings, 'twas impoſible to force 'em. After this they began to fling their *Granados* and *Bomb's* into the Town, compoſed of *Cenſures*, *Diſcourſes*, *Criticiſms*, filled with the Powder of *Injuries*, *Malice*, *Obſervation*, *Spleen* and *Ill-manners*; And where ever they fell, they made ſo terrible a Noiſe, ſeveral of the Inhabitants were frighted at 'em.

CHAP.

CHAP. XVI.

Several Skirmiſhes; ſome of the QUEEN's *Forces fall out about an Important Diſpute.*

MEan while there hapned ſeveral warm Skirmiſhes, wherein the *Queen*'s Forces had ſometimes the better, obliging the Enemy to Retreat, and putting fire to their Works: Sometimes the *Pedants* not only maintained their Ground, but forced her Majeſties Troops to retire within their Walls. All the Brave ſignalized themſelves by turns upon this Occaſion; amongſt the reſt, *S——th* and *S——r——k* once Sallying forth, met a Party which they happily Defeated; this ſucceſs encouraged 'em to venture out another time together without more Company. When they returned *S——h*, modeſtly reported they had kill'd only *one*, but *Sh——r——k* Swore, with his own Hands he had Slaughtered *three*: *S——th* affimed

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'twas falſe, and that *S——r——k* being a Braggadocio, had encreaſed 'em as Sir *John Falſeſtaffe* did his Buckram Doublets; adding, he believed the next time he told the Story, he would make 'em ſix. *S——r——k* thinking his Honour concerned, deſired he might carry ſome Preſons to view the Dead Bodies, and by their Judgment he would be Tryed. *S——th* thought the propoſition ſo reaſonable he could not refuſe agreeing to't: But moſt unfortunately when they came to the place appointed, in all Human appearance there only lay one ſingle Body: Upon this *S——th* cryed out *Victoria, Victoria.* But *S—r——k*, nothing diſcompoſed, told the Perſons preſent at the view, that was no more than he expected; but, ſaid he, Gentlemen, only put on theſe Metaphyſical Spectacles, which I always carry about me, and you will plainly perceive there are three diſtinct Bodies; and ſo 'twas really found upon the Experiment. Thus the Scales were in an Inſtant turn'd as far again the other way. But *S——th* declared for his Part, he could ſee diſtinctly enough, with his own

Opticks,

Opticks, without the Assistance of Art; and was resolved not to be bantered out of his Senses. This Dispute, it seems, was of much greater Importance than some People Imagin'd, for all the Clergy in the Town embarked in the Quarrel on one side or other; each Man, as he imagin'd, plainly proved what he himself believ'd, and they who produced the weakest Arguments still had the strongest Belief.

Hobbes finding this Dispute had opened a Gap to Reason, in Opposition to Faith and Revelation, knew how much it conduced towards the Establishment of his Ancient *Hypothesis*; immediately therefore he made a visit to his adopted Son *T---o---nd*, inspired him with plenty of *Sophisms*, specious Arguments, and old contraband Opinions, which he vented at the favourable juncture, and gained more Proselytes than ever *Arius* or *Socinus* were able to do. Thus the whole Town was in an Uproar, and suffered under the same Confusion with *Jerusalem*, when Besieged by *Titus*.

To silence this unfortunate Dispute, the *Queen* found herself obliged to Summon

from a *Convocation*; but even that which should have proved the Remedy for the present evils, occasioned more, the Upper and Lower-House were continually quarelling about *Rights* and *Liberties*. The *Champions* on either side plainly shew'd they were in earnest, by their Arguments, which had as much Personal Reflection as Proof in 'em. But both sides were resolved not to be convinced. However to shew his Zeal, *B——h——n* Encountered *C——w——rd* in a single Combat; and could the want of Courage in so Feeble a Champion have forfeited the Reputation of a just Cause, he had certainly ruin'd his Party by the loss of the Day. But at length *Queen RHETORICK* ascending her Royal Throne, from thence with an awful Voice, Pronounced the Word *Unity*, which for sometime composed the Intestine Jarrs.

CHAP.

CHAP. XVIII.

The Enemy carry on their Approaches; make themſelves Maſters of the Outworks.

MEan while the Enemy daily gained Ground, and were juſt ready to attack the Outworks of the Town; but the place was ſtrongly Fortified, and difficult of Acceſs, for it was well Situated upon an Eminence, which rendered it almoſt Impregnable. When, perceiving the Danger they were in, ſeveral Perſons of the greateſt Quality, whoſe Rank exempted 'em from Duty, now began to keep a conſtant Guard.

There were ſeveral outward Works made for the better Defence of the Place, and *Palliſado's* of many Volumes bound together, which were covered with Beaſts Hides to Defend 'em from Fire, which they were extreamly apprehenſive of; a Politick Invention, firſt practiſed by *Joſephus*, at the Siege of *Jo-*

ſopata;

ſopata; beyond theſe likewiſe were other Fortifications to keep the Enemy at a diſtance, and take in as much Ground as poſſible. Theſe Conſiſted of *Crown-works* or *Prefaces*, covered by *Half-Moons* called *Epiſtles Dedicatory*. But the Enemy ſoon rendered themſelves Maſters of theſe, for the *Half-Moon*, or *Epiſtle Dedicatory* being Founded upon the *Quick-ſands* of Fortune, 'twas Impoſſible they ſhould have any ſound Foundation: Beſides all the Stones of this Building were only joyned with *Flattery*, a very indifferent Sement, which never bound any thing faſt together; therefore upon the firſt diſcharge, this Defence fell down. Then as for the *Prefaces* or *Crown-works*, they made no long Reſiſtance; for as they enclоſed a great Compaſs of Ground, part whereof was empty and uſeleſs, ſo of conſequence, they muſt have many weak Places, which could not be Defended; thus Prince *BOMBAST* ſoon found the means to lodge himſelf within this Part of the Fortification. The *Outworks* being taken; the Town found it ſelf mightily preſſed, for the Enemy had already paſſed the Ditch,

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and ſet on the Miner upon the Body of the *Baſtion*; and ſo far were the Mines advanced, he had already Lodged a Hundred Quintals of *Soleciſms* and *Barbariſms* there, ſo dreadful a kind of Powder, her Majeſty never Smells it, but ſhe is in the greateſt Paſſion Imaginable.

CHAP. XVIII.

The Town Summoned to Surrender. But the QUEEN *draws* Ariſtotle *over to her Party, by the Aſſiſtance of* Intrigue, *ſo turns the Scales.*

IN fine, the Mines were juſt ready to Spring, when *BOMBAST* ſent a Meſſenger to Summon the Place; whereupon the *Queen* held a Council, where 'twas reſolv'd, after a long Debate, her Majeſty ſhould make uſe of *Artifice* and *Adreſs*, to deliver her ſelf from the imminent Danger ſhe was in. *In-*

trigue therefore, a Faithful Servant to the Princess *Poetry*, was immediately sent for; this Man is President of the *Romantick* and *Dramatick* Countries, and him she pitched upon, as a proper Agent to Treat about the Conditions, but before his Departure, gave him private Instructions, which he Observ'd and Practis'd with great Fidelity. *BOMBAST*, as good Fortune would have it, made use of *Aristotle* for his Plenipotentiary upon this Occasion, the very Person *Intrigue* designed to Adress himself to. They had frequent Conferences, without the least suspicion, for the publick Business furnish'd 'em with favourable Opportunities. *Intrigue* took Care to Improve these meetings to her Majesties advantage; for having by his plausible Carriage, Insinuated himself into *Aristotle*'s Favour, he began with a Friendly Freedom, to let him know, he could not but wonder a Person of his Merit should content himself to be a Slave under *BOMBAST*, and endeavour to enlarge the Bounds of his Dominions, by the Ruin of *RHETORICK*, who had always a particular esteem

esteem for him: Not omitting at the same time to put him in mind of the former Services he had done her Majesty, in the Province of *Theodects*, which the *Queen* often gratefully Remembred, tho' at the same instant she Bemoaned the Loss of so Faithful a Subject; that from that very Province her Majesty still drew her best Supplies, and kept the Government vacant, in hopes he would again Return to his Duty; nor were her Affairs yet in so desperate a Condition, but she had where withal to Protect and Reward those that should deserve her Favour: That *RHETORICK* was not a stranger to the ill usage *Aristotle* had met with in the Country of *Pedantry*, she was Sensible all he had acted against her, was by Compulsion, and that a Command in such an Army could not be agreeable to his Temper; therefore, provided he would return to his Allegiance, she would freely Pass an Act of Oblivion for all that was past, and give him that Place in her Favour, which his singular Desert might justly challenge. On the other hand, he had nothing at present to expect even from

Victory, but a wretched Life for the future at beſt, amongſt Barbarous People, that had always been his averſion: But he had reaſon to apprehend from their former Cruelty, this buſineſs once effected they would reward his Services as *Ferdinand* of *Spain* did thoſe of his Captain General *Gonſalvo*, after the Conqueſt of *Naples*, Condemn him to ſpend the remainder of his Days in a Noiſom Dungeon.

This laſt Sentence touched *Ariſtotle* ſo nearly, by recalling the Sufferings he had already met with, he could not help Weeping: Thus one ſide of the Proſpect offering nothing but Deſpair, the other certain Happineſs, hew as without great Difficulty induced to chooſe the *Good*, and renounce the *Evil*: He returned *Intrigue* Ten thouſand Thanks for his kind Advice, and Promiſed to accept of it: But as he could not in Honour abruptly fall out with *BOMBAST*, he deſired leave to wait the firſt favourable Opportunity. Wherefore 'twas reſolv'd, ſome delays ſhould befound to protract the Treaty till the firſt occaſion hapned, which was not very

very long after. For one of *Ariſtotle*'s chief Favourites, called *Diviſion*, being Commanded to Patroll about the Works, at the Head of a Party of *Demonſtrative Syllogiſms* the Archers of his Guard, they were all moſt Traytorouſly Murdered in the Night by, ſome *Sophiſmes* under the Command of *BOMBAST*'s principal Officers. Hereupon *Ariſtotle* Demanded immediate Juſtice, but could not obtain it becauſe of the Intereſt the Murderers had at Court. This furniſh'd him with the Deſired occaſion; and at once he thunder'd out his Reſentment and Revolt. *Intrigue* coming at this Juncture to demand another Conference, Improved the Advantage, and finding *BOMBAST* ſo Diſturb'd at the late accident, he knew not which way to turn himſelf, Propoſed a Negociation might be ſet on Foot, for a general Peace, which the *Prince*, being thus reduced, very willingly accepted of. Thus after ſeveral Meſſages, Backwards and forwards, the Treaty between the two Crowns, was at laſt Ratifyed upon the following Conditions.

CHAP. XIX.

The Conditions of Peace, between Queen RHETORICK *and Prince* BOMBAST.

I.

THAT there ſhall be Liberty of Conſcience on both ſides: That *BOMBAST* and all his Officers, ſhall have the free Exerciſe of their Function, without the leaſt Moleſtation or Diſturbance from any Perſon whatſoever.

II.

THAT he ſhall for ever peaceably enjoy the Lands of *GYMNASIA*; That *RHETORICK* does hereby expreſly Renounce all Right and Title to the ſame, as well preſent as future; nor will ever ſet up any Pretence to the leaſt part of 'em.

III.

III.

THAT the Agents of *Pedantry* ſhall enjoy the ſole Right of Preſentation to all Benefices and Cures, which ſhall become Vacant in their Country, by pure Authority, without Diſtinction of Merit.

IV.

THAT one full Moiety of the Country Pariſhes, together with the Intire Province of *Juſtice*, ſhall be Subject to their Command, wherein they ſhall have free Liberty to diſpoſe ſuch Garriſons of *Antitheſes's*, *Authorities* and *Tautologies* as they ſhall think covenient; Provided, notwithſtanding they ſhall only enjoy the ſame Benefit with perpetual *Vicars*, to whom belong ſuch Revenues as they can Levy upon the People: Reſerving always the firſt Fruits and Tenths for her Majeſty, with full Liberty to be preſent, if ſhe pleaſes, in either of the Univerſities, at publick Harangues, Acts and Commencements,

Funeral Orations, and the Reception of *Princes* or *Chancellors.*

V.

THAT in Return, it ſhall be Lawfull for *BOMBAST* to over-run certain Provinces, and make ſuch Conqueſts as he ſhall find himſelf able to Effect, particularly thoſe beyond the *Tweed*, which are Intirely abandoned to his Diſcretion.

VI.

BUT the ſaid Prince *BOMBAST* and his Agents, do hereby expreſly Oblige themſelves, never to appear at *Court*, or whithin the *Queen*'s Capital, upon Pain of being Toſs'd in a Blanket, the firſt time; Baniſh'd the ſecond, and Baſtinado'd the third.

VII.

THAT notwithſtanding, to take away all Cauſe of Complaint from the Agents of *Pendantry*, who ſhall at any time

time hereafter, have Buſineſs to Solicit at Court, They ſhall have Liberty to enter, provided it be in a Decent Habit; as a Dagled Gown, Pumps, Dirty Linnen, and certain other Marks of their Profeſſion, that any Perſon may know 'em at a diſtance, and avoid the Infection of their Breath.

VIII.

THAT it ſhall be likewiſe Lawful for Captain *Counterfeit* to remain at Court, and in the Town, becauſe of the Credit he has acquired there, and the Poſſeſſion he has kept ever ſince Time out of Mind: Provided nevertheleſs, that all hearers ſhall be well Provided with certain Guards called *Diſcernment* and *Incredulite*, to prevent being ſurprized by his Artifices. And to the Intent the ſaid Captain may be diſtinguiſhed by ſome particular mark, he ſhall hereafter have an Eternal Clack, and always interrupt ſuch Perſons as begin any Diſcourſe, eſpecially if he knows 'em to be Wiſe and Learned.

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TO the Intent, that the Pilgrims of *Eloquence*, when their Affairs ſhall call 'em into the Province, may have a place to Lodge themſelves in, ſecure from the Contagion of the Country, they ſhall have certain creditable Appartments allotted 'em in every Town, wherein it ſhall not be lawful for any Native of the Place, to enter at leaſt, whilſt the ſaid Pilgrims are there.

X.

THAT the Maſters of theſe Houſes, or Appartments, ſhall at all times have free Leave to hold a ſtrict Correſpondence with her Majeſty, without the leaſt Interruption from *BOMBAST*, or any of his Miniſters. And that it ſhall be lawful for them to Judge of the beſt Performances; but in all Caſes of Appeal to her Majeſty, as the laſt reſort, they ſhall bear their own Charges.

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IT was likewiſe agreed, that *Poetry* ſhould enjoy all the Coditions and Advantages in this Treaty. That no *Pedant* hereafter ſhould preſume to put his Foot within her Teritorries, but eſpecially the Province of *Theater*, on pain of being Hiſs'd to Death. But if any of *BOMBAST*'s Subjects, found themſelves ſtrongly poſſeſs'd with the Itch of Verſifying, they ſhould never preſume to vent ſuch their Intention in any Language but *Latin*.

XII.

THAT the Armies on both ſides ſhould be Disbanded, or retire to their ſeveral Garriſons. That *Juſtus Lipſius* ſhould be ſent Back again to the Low Countries, *Johannes Duns* to *Scotland*, My Lord *Cook* to the *Temple*, Dr. *B--t--ly* to *Cambridge*, and every *Pedant* to his Reſpective place of Habitation, with all their Arms *Figures*, *Comments*, *Criticiſms*, *Diſtinctions*, *Remarks* and heavy

heavy Baggage. But it ſhall be lawful for the *Authorities*, and ſuch other Figures, as are ſo diſpoſed to Enter themſelves into her Majeſties Service; provided they will be at the Charge of a Reform, upon which Condition the *Queen* promiſes to give each of 'em new Liveries, and an Equipage worthy their Degree.

XIII.

THAT the General *Ariſtotle*, ſhall remain in the *Queen*'s Service, in conſideration of the Ancient Friendſhip, there formerly was between 'em. But nevertheleſs the *Pedants* have free Leave to make uſe of the ill Copyes they have of him. Upon which if they pleaſe they may Scrible more Comments to Etermity.

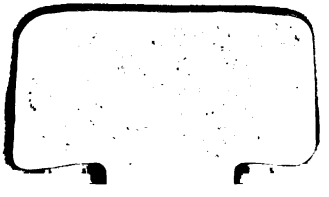
XIV.

LASTLY, as to the *Arguments*, 'twas agreed, that all the *Sophiſters*, ſhould be Driven back again to the the *College*, with a ſtrict Prohibition never

never to venture out again, on Pain of being ſet in the *Pillory*, and expoſed to publick Laughter. That all the *Syllogiſms* ſhould Serve her Majeſty, but firſt be clip'd and reduced into *Enthymema's*: In conſideration whereof, ſhe freely Promiſes to put them into her own Liveries, and make 'em ſo fine and Polite, they ſhall appear quite different Perſons to what they ſeem at preſent: That they ſhall have the Honour to be her Guard, and never expoſed to Fight Naked and open again, but behind certain *Mantlets* or *Parapets*, from whence they might diſcharge with greater Certainty.

Upon theſe Conditions, and perhaps ſome others which it may be Prudent to Conceal, was the Treaty concluded beteewn the Two Crowns, to the Infinit Satisfaction of both their Subjects. The Siege was Raiſed, the Town Delivered, and the even Country ſoon freed from Soldiers. The Peace was no ſooner Proclaim'd, but publick Hymns of Thankſgiving were Sung, Bonfires and other Demonſtrations of

Joy,

Joy, were made; and after this, all things were quiet enough in her Majesty's Kingdom. *BOMBAST*, indeed, could not contain himself, sometimes from making little Inroads into the Country, at the Head of small Parties, which were easily Repulsed and Defeated by her Majesties Guards. Some likewise, that wore the *Queen*'s Livery, held a Correspondnce with *BOMBAST*, and took up several Wares in this Country upon Credit, which they afterwards sold for ready Money: As on the other hand, some of the better Sort from *Gymnasia*, came into the *Queen*'s Dominions, where they purchased divers kinds of Mercandizes: But all this was Justifiable by the Freedom of Commerce, and was no disturbance to that Peace and Tranquillity, which she may for ever Enjoy.

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